

1 H.542

2 Introduced by Committee on Appropriations

3 Date:

4 Subject: Fiscal year 2018 budget

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to make
6 appropriations in support of government for the fiscal year beginning on
7 July 1, 2017.

8 An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government

9 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

10 Sec. A.100 SHORT TITLE

11 (a) This bill may be referred to as the BIG BILL – Fiscal Year 2018
12 Appropriations Act.

13 Sec. A.101 PURPOSE

14 (a) The purpose of this act is to provide appropriations for the operations of
15 State government during fiscal year 2018. It is the express intent of the
16 General Assembly that activities of the various agencies, departments,
17 divisions, boards, and commissions be limited to those which can be supported
18 by funds appropriated in this act or other acts passed prior to June 30, 2017.
19 Agency and department heads are directed to implement staffing and service
20 levels at the beginning of fiscal year 2018 so as to meet this condition unless

1 otherwise directed by specific language in this act or other acts of the General
2 Assembly.

3 Sec. A.102 APPROPRIATIONS

4 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this act serve as the
5 primary source and reference for appropriations for fiscal year 2018.

6 (b) The sums herein stated are appropriated for the purposes specified in
7 the following sections of this act. When no time is expressly stated during
8 which any of the appropriations are to continue, the appropriations are single-
9 year appropriations and only for the purpose indicated and shall be paid from
10 funds shown as the source of funds. If in this act there is an error in either
11 addition or subtraction, the totals shall be adjusted accordingly. Apparent
12 errors in referring to section numbers of statutory titles within this act may be
13 disregarded by the Commissioner of Finance and Management.

14 (c) Unless codified or otherwise specified, all narrative portions of this act
15 apply only to the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2018.

16 Sec. A.103 DEFINITIONS

17 (a) As used in this act:

18 (1) "Encumbrances" means a portion of an appropriation reserved for
19 the subsequent payment of existing purchase orders or contracts. The
20 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall make final decisions on the
21 appropriateness of encumbrances.

1 (2) “Grants” means subsidies, aid, or payments to local governments, to
2 community and quasi-public agencies for providing local services, and to
3 persons who are not wards of the State for services or supplies and means cash
4 or other direct assistance, including pension contributions.

5 (3) “Operating expenses” means property management, repair and
6 maintenance, rental expenses, insurance, postage, travel, energy and utilities,
7 office and other supplies, equipment, including motor vehicles, highway
8 materials, and construction, expenditures for the purchase of land and
9 construction of new buildings and permanent improvements, and similar items.

10 (4) “Personal services” means wages and salaries, fringe benefits, per
11 diems, contracted third-party services, and similar items.

12 Sec. A.104 RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING LAWS

13 (a) Except as specifically provided, this act shall not be construed in any
14 way to negate or impair the full force and effect of existing laws.

15 Sec. A.105 OFFSETTING APPROPRIATIONS

16 (a) In the absence of specific provisions to the contrary in this act, when
17 total appropriations are offset by estimated receipts, the State appropriations
18 shall control, notwithstanding receipts being greater or less than anticipated.

19 Sec. A.106 FEDERAL FUNDS

20 (a) In fiscal year 2018, the Governor, with the approval of the Legislature
21 or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the Legislature is not in session, may accept

1 federal funds available to the State of Vermont, including block grants in lieu
2 of or in addition to funds herein designated as federal. The Governor, with the
3 approval of the Legislature or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the Legislature is
4 not in session, may allocate all or any portion of such federal funds for any
5 purpose consistent with the purposes for which the basic appropriations in this
6 act have been made.

7 (b) If, during fiscal year 2018, federal funds available to the State of
8 Vermont and designated as federal in this and other acts of the 2017 session of
9 the Vermont General Assembly are converted into block grants or are
10 abolished under their current title in federal law and reestablished under a new
11 title in federal law, the Governor may continue to accept such federal funds for
12 any purpose consistent with the purposes for which the federal funds were
13 appropriated. The Governor may spend such funds for such purposes for no
14 more than 45 days prior to Legislative or Joint Fiscal Committee approval.
15 Notice shall be given to the Joint Fiscal Committee without delay if the
16 Governor intends to use the authority granted by this section, and the Joint
17 Fiscal Committee shall meet in an expedited manner to review the Governor's
18 request for approval.

19 Sec. A.107 NEW POSITIONS

20 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the total number of
21 authorized State positions, both classified and exempt, excluding temporary

1 positions as defined in 3 V.S.A. § 311(11), shall not be increased during fiscal
2 year 2018 except for new positions authorized by the 2017 session. Limited
3 service positions approved pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5 shall not be subject to this
4 restriction, nor shall positions created pursuant to the Position Pilot Program
5 authorized in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.100(d), as amended by
6 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 4, Sec. 74, and by 2016 Acts and Resolves No.
7 172, Sec. E.100.2, and as further amended by Sec. E.100.1 of this act.

8 Sec. A.108 LEGEND

9 (a) The bill is organized by functions of government. The sections
10 between B.100 and B.9999 contain appropriations of funds for the upcoming
11 budget year. The sections between E.100 and E.9999 contain language that
12 relates to specific appropriations or government functions, or both. The
13 function areas by section numbers are as follows:

14 <u>B.100–B.199 and E.100–E.199</u>	<u>General Government</u>
15 <u>B.200–B.299 and E.200–E.299</u>	<u>Protection to Persons and Property</u>
16 <u>B.300–B.399 and E.300–E.399</u>	<u>Human Services</u>
17 <u>B.400–B.499 and E.400–E.499</u>	<u>Labor</u>
18 <u>B.500–B.599 and E.500–E.599</u>	<u>General Education</u>
19 <u>B.600–B.699 and E.600–E.699</u>	<u>Higher Education</u>
20 <u>B.700–B.799 and E.700–E.799</u>	<u>Natural Resources</u>
21 <u>B.800–B.899 and E.800–E.899</u>	<u>Commerce and Community</u>

1		<u>Development</u>
2	<u>B.900–B.999 and E.900–E.999</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
3	<u>B.1000–B.1099 and E.1000–E.1099</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>
4	<u>B.1100–B.1199 and E.1100–E.1199</u>	<u>One-time and other appropriation</u>
5		<u>actions</u>

6 (b) The C sections contain any amendments to the current fiscal year, the
7 D sections contain fund transfers and reserve allocations for the upcoming
8 budget year, the F sections contain miscellaneous technical statute corrections,
9 and the I sections contain housing bond authorization.

10 Sec. B.100 Secretary of administration - secretary's office

11	Personal services	777,092
12	Operating expenses	<u>150,120</u>
13	Total	927,212
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	<u>927,212</u>
16	Total	927,212

17 Sec. B.101 Secretary of administration - finance

18	Personal services	1,187,190
19	Operating expenses	<u>153,789</u>
20	Total	1,340,979
21	Source of funds	

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,340,979</u>
2	Total	1,340,979
3	Sec. B.102 Secretary of administration - workers' compensation insurance	
4	Personal services	566,009
5	Operating expenses	<u>226,235</u>
6	Total	792,244
7	Source of funds	
8	Internal service funds	<u>792,244</u>
9	Total	792,244
10	Sec. B.103 Secretary of administration - general liability insurance	
11	Personal services	445,807
12	Operating expenses	<u>43,958</u>
13	Total	489,765
14	Source of funds	
15	Internal service funds	<u>489,765</u>
16	Total	489,765
17	Sec. B.104 Secretary of administration - all other insurance	
18	Personal services	22,513
19	Operating expenses	<u>11,382</u>
20	Total	33,895
21	Source of funds	

1	Internal service funds	<u>33,895</u>
2	Total	33,895
3	Sec. B.105 Information and innovation - communications and information	
4	technology	
5	Personal services	24,540,424
6	Operating expenses	<u>15,675,832</u>
7	Total	40,216,256
8	Source of funds	
9	Internal service funds	<u>40,216,256</u>
10	Total	40,216,256
11	Sec. B.106 Finance and management - budget and management	
12	Personal services	1,471,321
13	Operating expenses	<u>202,003</u>
14	Total	1,673,324
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	1,309,469
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>363,855</u>
18	Total	1,673,324
19	Sec. B.107 Finance and management - financial operations	
20	Personal services	2,374,631
21	Operating expenses	<u>619,703</u>

1	Total	2,994,334
2	Source of funds	
3	Internal service funds	<u>2,994,334</u>
4	Total	2,994,334
5	Sec. B.108 Human resources - operations	
6	Personal services	7,612,746
7	Operating expenses	<u>1,377,239</u>
8	Total	8,989,985
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	1,968,777
11	Special funds	277,462
12	Internal service funds	6,206,438
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>537,308</u>
14	Total	8,989,985
15	Sec. B.108.1 Human Resources - VTHR Operations	
16	Personal services	1,802,885
17	Operating expenses	<u>765,629</u>
18	Total	2,568,514
19	Source of funds	
20	Internal service funds	<u>2,568,514</u>
21	Total	2,568,514

1	Sec. B.109 Human resources - employee benefits & wellness	
2	Personal services	1,070,140
3	Operating expenses	<u>581,803</u>
4	Total	1,651,943
5	Source of funds	
6	Internal service funds	<u>1,651,943</u>
7	Total	1,651,943
8	Sec. B.110 Libraries	
9	Personal services	1,759,682
10	Operating expenses	1,463,407
11	Grants	<u>148,400</u>
12	Total	3,371,489
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	2,329,975
15	Special funds	123,998
16	Federal funds	820,514
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>97,002</u>
18	Total	3,371,489
19	Sec. B.111 Tax - administration/collection	
20	Personal services	14,471,939
21	Operating expenses	<u>5,117,491</u>

1	Total	19,589,430
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	18,075,976
4	Special funds	1,370,888
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>142,566</u>
6	Total	19,589,430
7	Sec. B.112 Buildings and general services - administration	
8	Personal services	659,538
9	Operating expenses	<u>103,275</u>
10	Total	762,813
11	Source of funds	
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>762,813</u>
13	Total	762,813
14	Sec. B.113 Buildings and general services - engineering	
15	Personal services	2,725,021
16	Operating expenses	<u>812,504</u>
17	Total	3,537,525
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	0
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,537,525</u>
21	Total	3,537,525

1	Sec. B.114 Buildings and general services - information centers	
2	Personal services	3,247,710
3	Operating expenses	1,560,479
4	Grants	<u>35,750</u>
5	Total	4,843,939
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	632,642
8	Transportation fund	3,886,230
9	Special funds	<u>325,067</u>
10	Total	4,843,939
11	Sec. B.115 Buildings and general services - purchasing	
12	Personal services	1,052,452
13	Operating expenses	<u>197,598</u>
14	Total	1,250,050
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>1,250,050</u>
17	Total	1,250,050
18	Sec. B.116 Buildings and general services - postal services	
19	Personal services	741,125
20	Operating expenses	<u>116,121</u>
21	Total	857,246

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	85,063
3	Internal service funds	<u>772,183</u>
4	Total	857,246
5	Sec. B.117 Buildings and general services - copy center	
6	Personal services	708,890
7	Operating expenses	<u>162,809</u>
8	Total	871,699
9	Source of funds	
10	Internal service funds	<u>871,699</u>
11	Total	871,699
12	Sec. B.118 Buildings and general services - fleet management services	
13	Personal services	759,471
14	Operating expenses	<u>239,611</u>
15	Total	999,082
16	Source of funds	
17	Internal service funds	<u>999,082</u>
18	Total	999,082
19	Sec. B.119 Buildings and general services - federal surplus property	
20	Personal services	32,667
21	Operating expenses	<u>5,760</u>

1	Total	38,427
2	Source of funds	
3	Enterprise funds	<u>38,427</u>
4	Total	38,427
5	Sec. B.120 Buildings and general services - state surplus property	
6	Personal services	142,751
7	Operating expenses	<u>109,881</u>
8	Total	252,632
9	Source of funds	
10	Internal service funds	<u>252,632</u>
11	Total	252,632
12	Sec. B.121 Buildings and general services - property management	
13	Personal services	1,025,441
14	Operating expenses	<u>864,228</u>
15	Total	1,889,669
16	Source of funds	
17	Internal service funds	<u>1,889,669</u>
18	Total	1,889,669
19	Sec. B.122 Buildings and general services - fee for space	
20	Personal services	15,282,330
21	Operating expenses	<u>14,081,331</u>

1	Total	29,363,661
2	Source of funds	
3	Internal service funds	<u>29,363,661</u>
4	Total	29,363,661
5	Sec. B.124 Executive office - governor's office	
6	Personal services	1,412,803
7	Operating expenses	<u>468,873</u>
8	Total	1,881,676
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	1,695,176
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>186,500</u>
12	Total	1,881,676
13	Sec. B.125 Legislative council	
14	Personal services	3,812,245
15	Operating expenses	<u>866,666</u>
16	Total	4,678,911
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	<u>4,678,911</u>
19	Total	4,678,911
20	Sec. B.126 Legislature	
21	Personal services	3,932,539

1	Operating expenses	<u>3,649,343</u>
2	Total	7,581,882
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	<u>7,581,882</u>
5	Total	7,581,882
6	Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee	
7	Personal services	1,603,075
8	Operating expenses	<u>154,661</u>
9	Total	1,757,736
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	<u>1,757,736</u>
12	Total	1,757,736
13	Sec. B.128 Sergeant at arms	
14	Personal services	667,093
15	Operating expenses	<u>74,252</u>
16	Total	741,345
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	<u>741,345</u>
19	Total	741,345
20	Sec. B.129 Lieutenant governor	
21	Personal services	208,858

1	Operating expenses	<u>30,097</u>
2	Total	238,955
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	<u>238,955</u>
5	Total	238,955
6	Sec. B.130 Auditor of accounts	
7	Personal services	3,689,915
8	Operating expenses	<u>158,765</u>
9	Total	3,848,680
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	400,371
12	Special funds	53,145
13	Internal service funds	<u>3,395,164</u>
14	Total	3,848,680
15	Sec. B.131 State treasurer	
16	Personal services	3,443,785
17	Operating expenses	<u>267,689</u>
18	Total	3,711,474
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	1,006,452
21	Special funds	2,604,257

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,765</u>
2	Total	3,711,474
3	Sec. B.132 State treasurer - unclaimed property	
4	Personal services	827,048
5	Operating expenses	<u>298,653</u>
6	Total	1,125,701
7	Source of funds	
8	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,125,701</u>
9	Total	1,125,701
10	Sec. B.133 Vermont state retirement system	
11	Personal services	5,984,464
12	Operating expenses	<u>1,314,760</u>
13	Total	7,299,224
14	Source of funds	
15	Pension trust funds	<u>7,299,224</u>
16	Total	7,299,224
17	Sec. B.134 Municipal employees' retirement system	
18	Personal services	2,096,238
19	Operating expenses	<u>751,569</u>
20	Total	2,847,807
21	Source of funds	

1	Pension trust funds	<u>2,847,807</u>
2	Total	2,847,807
3	Sec. B.135 State labor relations board	
4	Personal services	208,856
5	Operating expenses	<u>47,734</u>
6	Total	256,590
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	247,014
9	Special funds	6,788
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,788</u>
11	Total	256,590
12	Sec. B.136 VOSHA review board	
13	Personal services	74,662
14	Operating expenses	<u>13,543</u>
15	Total	88,205
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	44,103
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>44,102</u>
19	Total	88,205
20	Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate	
21	Grants	<u>16,600,000</u>

1	Total	16,600,000
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	<u>16,600,000</u>
4	Total	16,600,000
5	Sec. B.138 Renter rebate	
6	Grants	<u>10,500,000</u>
7	Total	10,500,000
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	3,150,000
10	Education fund	<u>7,350,000</u>
11	Total	10,500,000
12	Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments	
13	Grants	<u>3,460,000</u>
14	Total	3,460,000
15	Source of funds	
16	Education fund	<u>3,460,000</u>
17	Total	3,460,000
18	Sec. B.140 Municipal current use	
19	Grants	<u>15,283,643</u>
20	Total	15,283,643
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	<u>15,283,643</u>
2	Total	15,283,643
3	Sec. B.141 Lottery commission	
4	Personal services	1,950,778
5	Operating expenses	1,321,236
6	Grants	<u>150,000</u>
7	Total	3,422,014
8	Source of funds	
9	Enterprise funds	<u>3,422,014</u>
10	Total	3,422,014
11	Sec. B.142 Payments in lieu of taxes	
12	Grants	<u>7,600,000</u>
13	Total	7,600,000
14	Source of funds	
15	Special funds	<u>7,600,000</u>
16	Total	7,600,000
17	Sec. B.143 Payments in lieu of taxes - Montpelier	
18	Grants	<u>184,000</u>
19	Total	184,000
20	Source of funds	
21	Special funds	<u>184,000</u>

1	Total	184,000
2	Sec. B.144 Payments in lieu of taxes - correctional facilities	
3	Grants	<u>40,000</u>
4	Total	40,000
5	Source of funds	
6	Special funds	<u>40,000</u>
7	Total	40,000
8	Sec. B.145 Total general government	
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	80,004,752
11	Transportation fund	3,886,230
12	Special funds	12,585,605
13	Education fund	10,810,000
14	Federal funds	820,514
15	Internal service funds	92,497,479
16	Interdepartmental transfers	7,116,203
17	Enterprise funds	3,460,441
18	Pension trust funds	10,147,031
19	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,125,701</u>
20	Total	222,453,956
21	Sec. B.200 Attorney general	

1	Personal services	9,260,374
2	Operating expenses	1,382,078
3	Grants	<u>26,894</u>
4	Total	10,669,346
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	4,876,409
7	Special funds	1,774,350
8	Tobacco fund	348,000
9	Federal funds	1,113,091
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,557,496</u>
11	Total	10,669,346
12	Sec. B.201 Vermont court diversion	
13	Personal services	823,550
14	Operating expenses	500
15	Grants	<u>1,996,483</u>
16	Total	2,820,533
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	2,156,486
19	Special funds	<u>664,047</u>
20	Total	2,820,533
21	Sec. B.202 Defender general - public defense	

1	Personal services	10,815,479
2	Operating expenses	<u>1,058,134</u>
3	Total	11,873,613
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	11,283,960
6	Special funds	<u>589,653</u>
7	Total	11,873,613
8	Sec. B.203 Defender general - assigned counsel	
9	Personal services	5,631,235
10	Operating expenses	<u>49,819</u>
11	Total	5,681,054
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	<u>5,681,054</u>
14	Total	5,681,054
15	Sec. B.204 Judiciary	
16	Personal services	38,277,720
17	Operating expenses	9,358,344
18	Grants	<u>76,030</u>
19	Total	47,712,094
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	42,162,907

1	Special funds	2,667,460
2	Federal funds	556,455
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,325,272</u>
4	Total	47,712,094
5	Sec. B.205 State's attorneys	
6	Personal services	12,440,142
7	Operating expenses	<u>2,158,949</u>
8	Total	14,599,091
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	11,733,829
11	Special funds	123,480
12	Federal funds	31,000
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,710,782</u>
14	Total	14,599,091
15	Sec. B.206 Special investigative unit	
16	Personal services	85,000
17	Operating expenses	1,100
18	Grants	<u>1,913,000</u>
19	Total	1,999,100
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	<u>1,999,100</u>

1	Total	1,999,100
2	Sec. B.207 Sheriffs	
3	Personal services	4,061,398
4	Operating expenses	<u>433,009</u>
5	Total	4,494,407
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	<u>4,494,407</u>
8	Total	4,494,407
9	Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration	
10	Personal services	2,624,989
11	Operating expenses	<u>2,661,095</u>
12	Total	5,286,084
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	2,896,171
15	Federal funds	279,160
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,110,753</u>
17	Total	5,286,084
18	Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police	
19	Personal services	52,941,680
20	Operating expenses	9,656,601
21	Grants	<u>759,635</u>

1	Total	63,357,916
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	35,799,847
4	Transportation fund	20,250,000
5	Special funds	3,190,202
6	Federal funds	2,334,001
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,783,866</u>
8	Total	63,357,916
9	Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services	
10	Personal services	9,015,234
11	Operating expenses	2,346,270
12	Grants	<u>191,650</u>
13	Total	11,553,154
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	7,006,967
16	Special funds	2,134,552
17	Federal funds	1,516,096
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>895,539</u>
19	Total	11,553,154
20	Sec. B.211 Public safety - emergency management and homeland security	
21	Personal services	3,398,216

1	Operating expenses	1,401,401
2	Grants	<u>10,100,000</u>
3	Total	14,899,617
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	516,797
6	Special funds	300,000
7	Federal funds	13,798,597
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>284,223</u>
9	Total	14,899,617
10	Sec. B.212 Public safety - fire safety	
11	Personal services	6,442,511
12	Operating expenses	3,083,185
13	Grants	<u>107,000</u>
14	Total	9,632,696
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	426,712
17	Special funds	8,309,126
18	Federal funds	851,858
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
20	Total	9,632,696
21	Sec. B.215 Military - administration	

1	Personal services	712,974
2	Operating expenses	359,195
3	Grants	<u>100,000</u>
4	Total	1,172,169
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>1,172,169</u>
7	Total	1,172,169
8	Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract	
9	Personal services	5,527,805
10	Operating expenses	<u>1,073,275</u>
11	Total	6,601,080
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	583,733
14	Federal funds	<u>6,017,347</u>
15	Total	6,601,080
16	Sec. B.217 Military - army service contract	
17	Personal services	7,325,373
18	Operating expenses	<u>6,008,750</u>
19	Total	13,334,123
20	Source of funds	
21	Federal funds	<u>13,334,123</u>

1	Total	13,334,123
2	Sec. B.218 Military - building maintenance	
3	Personal services	884,161
4	Operating expenses	<u>696,659</u>
5	Total	1,580,820
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	1,520,820
8	Special funds	<u>60,000</u>
9	Total	1,580,820
10	Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs	
11	Personal services	762,092
12	Operating expenses	163,245
13	Grants	<u>94,380</u>
14	Total	1,019,717
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	794,678
17	Special funds	125,310
18	Federal funds	<u>99,729</u>
19	Total	1,019,717
20	Sec. B.220 Center for crime victim services	
21	Personal services	1,788,731

1	Operating expenses	312,067
2	Grants	<u>11,663,697</u>
3	Total	13,764,495
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	1,264,140
6	Special funds	5,132,559
7	Federal funds	<u>7,367,796</u>
8	Total	13,764,495
9	Sec. B.221 Criminal justice training council	
10	Personal services	1,061,527
11	Operating expenses	<u>1,277,414</u>
12	Total	2,338,941
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	2,298,555
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>40,386</u>
16	Total	2,338,941
17	Sec. B.222 Agriculture, food and markets - administration	
18	Personal services	1,654,766
19	Operating expenses	288,742
20	Grants	<u>272,972</u>
21	Total	2,216,480

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	1,098,695
3	Special funds	630,066
4	Federal funds	<u>487,719</u>
5	Total	2,216,480
6	Sec. B.223 Agriculture, food and markets - food safety and consumer	
7	protection	
8	Personal services	3,939,183
9	Operating expenses	726,671
10	Grants	<u>2,750,000</u>
11	Total	7,415,854
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	2,661,332
14	Special funds	3,672,807
15	Federal funds	1,074,715
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>7,000</u>
17	Total	7,415,854
18	Sec. B.224 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural development	
19	Personal services	1,640,008
20	Operating expenses	1,016,357
21	Grants	<u>1,170,875</u>

1	Total	3,827,240
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	1,928,127
4	Special funds	625,830
5	Federal funds	1,233,783
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>39,500</u>
7	Total	3,827,240
8	Sec. B.225 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural resource management	
9	and environmental stewardship	
10	Personal services	3,344,918
11	Operating expenses	563,044
12	Grants	<u>587,000</u>
13	Total	4,494,962
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	1,852,119
16	Special funds	1,958,384
17	Federal funds	477,028
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>207,431</u>
19	Total	4,494,962
20	Sec. B.225.1 Agriculture, food and markets - Vermont Agriculture and	
21	Environmental Lab	

1	Personal services	1,356,637
2	Operating expenses	<u>757,396</u>
3	Total	2,114,033
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	848,119
6	Special funds	1,207,787
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>58,127</u>
8	Total	2,114,033
9	Sec. B.225.2 Agriculture, Food and Markets - Clean Water	
10	Personal services	1,070,182
11	Operating expenses	266,190
12	Grants	<u>850,000</u>
13	Total	2,186,372
14	Source of funds	
15	Special funds	<u>2,186,372</u>
16	Total	2,186,372
17	Sec. B.226 Financial regulation - administration	
18	Personal services	1,998,578
19	Operating expenses	<u>198,577</u>
20	Total	2,197,155
21	Source of funds	

1	Special funds	<u>2,197,155</u>
2	Total	2,197,155
3	Sec. B.227 Financial regulation - banking	
4	Personal services	1,668,222
5	Operating expenses	<u>394,337</u>
6	Total	2,062,559
7	Source of funds	
8	Special funds	<u>2,062,559</u>
9	Total	2,062,559
10	Sec. B.228 Financial regulation - insurance	
11	Personal services	4,436,994
12	Operating expenses	<u>555,765</u>
13	Total	4,992,759
14	Source of funds	
15	Special funds	4,921,496
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>71,263</u>
17	Total	4,992,759
18	Sec. B.229 Financial regulation - captive insurance	
19	Personal services	4,476,171
20	Operating expenses	<u>566,984</u>
21	Total	5,043,155

1	Source of funds	
2	Special funds	<u>5,043,155</u>
3	Total	5,043,155
4	Sec. B.230 Financial regulation - securities	
5	Personal services	863,956
6	Operating expenses	<u>185,402</u>
7	Total	1,049,358
8	Source of funds	
9	Special funds	<u>1,049,358</u>
10	Total	1,049,358
11	Sec. B.232 Secretary of state	
12	Personal services	9,750,435
13	Operating expenses	<u>2,538,565</u>
14	Total	12,289,000
15	Source of funds	
16	Special funds	11,007,000
17	Federal funds	1,207,000
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>75,000</u>
19	Total	12,289,000
20	Sec. B.233 Public service - regulation and energy	
21	Personal services	10,273,714

1	Operating expenses	2,111,355
2	Grants	<u>3,883,867</u>
3	Total	16,268,936
4	Source of funds	
5	Special funds	13,856,417
6	Federal funds	1,234,279
7	ARRA funds	1,120,000
8	Interdepartmental transfers	41,667
9	Enterprise funds	<u>16,573</u>
10	Total	16,268,936
11	Sec. B.234 Public service board	
12	Personal services	3,166,727
13	Operating expenses	<u>481,111</u>
14	Total	3,647,838
15	Source of funds	
16	Special funds	<u>3,647,838</u>
17	Total	3,647,838
18	Sec. B.235 Enhanced 9-1-1 Board	
19	Personal services	3,759,427
20	Operating expenses	362,937
21	Grants	<u>720,000</u>

1	Total	4,842,364
2	Source of funds	
3	Special funds	<u>4,842,364</u>
4	Total	4,842,364
5	Sec. B.236 Human rights commission	
6	Personal services	481,533
7	Operating expenses	<u>79,095</u>
8	Total	560,628
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	490,527
11	Federal funds	<u>70,101</u>
12	Total	560,628
13	Sec. B.237 Liquor control - administration	
14	Personal services	3,864,134
15	Operating expenses	<u>600,485</u>
16	Total	4,464,619
17	Source of funds	
18	Enterprise funds	<u>4,464,619</u>
19	Total	4,464,619
20	Sec. B.238 Liquor control - enforcement and licensing	
21	Personal services	2,660,717

1	Operating expenses	<u>560,506</u>
2	Total	3,221,223
3	Source of funds	
4	Special funds	20,000
5	Tobacco fund	213,843
6	Federal funds	312,503
7	Enterprise funds	<u>2,674,877</u>
8	Total	3,221,223
9	Sec. B.239 Liquor control - warehousing and distribution	
10	Personal services	990,624
11	Operating expenses	<u>422,578</u>
12	Total	1,413,202
13	Source of funds	
14	Enterprise funds	<u>1,413,202</u>
15	Total	1,413,202
16	Sec. B.240 Total protection to persons and property	
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	147,547,660
19	Transportation fund	20,250,000
20	Special funds	83,999,327
21	Tobacco fund	561,843

1	Federal funds	53,396,381
2	ARRA funds	1,120,000
3	Interdepartmental transfers	13,253,305
4	Enterprise funds	<u>8,569,271</u>
5	Total	328,697,787
6	Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office	
7	Personal services	19,186,112
8	Operating expenses	5,402,146
9	Grants	<u>7,444,843</u>
10	Total	32,033,101
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	10,014,889
13	Special funds	91,017
14	Tobacco fund	0
15	Federal funds	19,149,640
16	Global Commitment fund	453,000
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,324,555</u>
18	Total	32,033,101
19	Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment	
20	Operating expenses	846,057
21	Grants	<u>1,582,497,210</u>

1	Total	1,583,343,267
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	265,834,181
4	Special funds	29,496,422
5	Tobacco fund	21,269,352
6	State health care resources fund	293,176,780
7	Federal funds	955,526,532
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>18,040,000</u>
9	Total	1,583,343,267
10	Sec. B.302 Rate setting	
11	Personal services	864,718
12	Operating expenses	<u>97,142</u>
13	Total	961,860
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	480,930
16	Federal funds	<u>480,930</u>
17	Total	961,860
18	Sec. B.303 Developmental disabilities council	
19	Personal services	290,325
20	Operating expenses	67,012
21	Grants	<u>248,388</u>

1	Total	605,725
2	Source of funds	
3	Federal funds	<u>605,725</u>
4	Total	605,725
5	Sec. B.304 Human services board	
6	Personal services	682,525
7	Operating expenses	<u>88,308</u>
8	Total	770,833
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	409,989
11	Federal funds	314,044
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>46,800</u>
13	Total	770,833
14	Sec. B.305 AHS - administrative fund	
15	Personal services	350,000
16	Operating expenses	<u>10,150,000</u>
17	Total	10,500,000
18	Source of funds	
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>10,500,000</u>
20	Total	10,500,000
21	Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration	

1	Personal services	177,240,484
2	Operating expenses	5,542,033
3	Grants	<u>7,264,742</u>
4	Total	190,047,259
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	31,518,780
7	Special funds	3,577,938
8	Federal funds	139,552,196
9	Global Commitment fund	7,915,736
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>7,482,609</u>
11	Total	190,047,259
12	Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - global	
13	commitment	
14	Grants	<u>752,459,668</u>
15	Total	752,459,668
16	Source of funds	
17	Global Commitment fund	<u>752,459,668</u>
18	Total	752,459,668
19	Sec. B.308 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - long	
20	term care waiver	
21	Grants	<u>196,483,201</u>

1	Total	196,483,201
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	753,720
4	Federal funds	896,280
5	Global Commitment fund	<u>194,833,201</u>
6	Total	196,483,201
7	Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - state	
8	only	
9	Grants	<u>50,175,082</u>
10	Total	50,175,082
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	40,507,054
13	Global Commitment fund	<u>9,668,028</u>
14	Total	50,175,082
15	Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver	
16	matched	
17	Grants	<u>37,213,898</u>
18	Total	37,213,898
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	13,685,694
21	Federal funds	<u>23,528,204</u>

1	Total	37,213,898
2	Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support	
3	Personal services	7,692,836
4	Operating expenses	2,999,965
5	Grants	<u>3,725,000</u>
6	Total	14,417,801
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	2,646,995
9	Special funds	1,640,781
10	Federal funds	6,606,306
11	Global Commitment fund	3,478,719
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
13	Total	14,417,801
14	Sec. B.312 Health - public health	
15	Personal services	41,822,394
16	Operating expenses	7,579,809
17	Grants	<u>36,106,485</u>
18	Total	85,508,688
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	8,567,428
21	Special funds	17,443,570

1	Tobacco fund	1,088,918
2	Federal funds	44,857,697
3	Global Commitment fund	12,551,629
4	Interdepartmental transfers	974,446
5	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
6	Total	85,508,688
7	Sec. B.313 Health - alcohol and drug abuse programs	
8	Personal services	3,763,900
9	Operating expenses	208,810
10	Grants	<u>49,363,212</u>
11	Total	53,335,922
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	2,908,535
14	Special funds	1,084,761
15	Tobacco fund	949,917
16	Federal funds	13,197,694
17	Global Commitment fund	<u>35,195,015</u>
18	Total	53,335,922
19	Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health	
20	Personal services	29,838,587
21	Operating expenses	3,666,056

1	Grants	<u>198,405,282</u>
2	Total	231,909,925
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	4,864,021
5	Special funds	434,904
6	Federal funds	6,691,092
7	Global Commitment fund	219,899,908
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>20,000</u>
9	Total	231,909,925
10	Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support	
11	services	
12	Personal services	41,307,378
13	Operating expenses	10,464,802
14	Grants	<u>3,678,688</u>
15	Total	55,450,868
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	30,639,729
18	Special funds	655,548
19	Federal funds	23,274,906
20	Global Commitment fund	664,660
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>216,025</u>

1	Total	55,450,868
2	Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services	
3	Personal services	31,887,814
4	Operating expenses	4,723,500
5	Grants	<u>75,838,377</u>
6	Total	112,449,691
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	33,280,421
9	Special funds	1,691,637
10	Federal funds	26,151,771
11	Global Commitment fund	51,191,608
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>134,254</u>
13	Total	112,449,691
14	Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development	
15	Personal services	6,405,300
16	Operating expenses	802,146
17	Grants	<u>76,955,662</u>
18	Total	84,163,108
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	34,716,782
21	Special funds	1,820,000

1	Federal funds	36,142,431
2	Global Commitment fund	<u>11,483,895</u>
3	Total	84,163,108
4	Sec. B.319 Department for children and families - office of child support	
5	Personal services	10,242,836
6	Operating expenses	<u>3,632,098</u>
7	Total	13,874,934
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	3,478,675
10	Special funds	455,719
11	Federal funds	9,552,940
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>
13	Total	13,874,934
14	Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and	
15	disabled	
16	Personal services	2,182,805
17	Grants	<u>11,367,424</u>
18	Total	13,550,229
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	9,649,899
21	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,900,330</u>

1	Total	13,550,229
2	Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance	
3	Grants	<u>6,927,360</u>
4	Total	6,927,360
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	5,530,025
7	Federal funds	1,111,320
8	Global Commitment fund	<u>286,015</u>
9	Total	6,927,360
10	Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT	
11	Grants	<u>29,827,906</u>
12	Total	29,827,906
13	Source of funds	
14	Federal funds	<u>29,827,906</u>
15	Total	29,827,906
16	Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up	
17	Operating expenses	95,202
18	Grants	<u>33,735,219</u>
19	Total	33,830,421
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	6,717,098

1	Special funds	21,806,288
2	Federal funds	2,674,594
3	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,632,441</u>
4	Total	33,830,421
5	Sec. B.324 Department for children and families - home heating fuel	
6	assistance/LIHEAP	
7	Grants	<u>17,351,664</u>
8	Total	17,351,664
9	Source of funds	
10	Federal funds	<u>17,351,664</u>
11	Total	17,351,664
12	Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic	
13	opportunity	
14	Personal services	452,430
15	Operating expenses	33,444
16	Grants	<u>9,673,747</u>
17	Total	10,159,621
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	4,483,212
20	Special funds	57,990
21	Federal funds	4,350,903

1	Global Commitment fund	<u>1,267,516</u>
2	Total	10,159,621
3	Sec. B.326 Department for children and families - OEO - weatherization	
4	assistance	
5	Personal services	333,097
6	Operating expenses	56,878
7	Grants	<u>10,529,067</u>
8	Total	10,919,042
9	Source of funds	
10	Special funds	9,690,895
11	Federal funds	<u>1,228,147</u>
12	Total	10,919,042
13	Sec. B.327 Department for children and families - Woodside rehabilitation	
14	center	
15	Personal services	5,515,892
16	Operating expenses	<u>697,584</u>
17	Total	6,213,476
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	1,142,720
20	Global Commitment fund	4,973,756
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>97,000</u>

1	Total	6,213,476
2	Sec. B.328 Department for children and families - disability determination	
3	services	
4	Personal services	6,023,192
5	Operating expenses	<u>507,294</u>
6	Total	6,530,486
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	82,500
9	Federal funds	6,338,219
10	Global Commitment fund	<u>109,767</u>
11	Total	6,530,486
12	Sec. B.329 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - administration &	
13	support	
14	Personal services	31,147,704
15	Operating expenses	<u>5,194,746</u>
16	Total	36,342,450
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	15,894,860
19	Special funds	1,390,457
20	Federal funds	17,990,849
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,066,284</u>

1	Total	36,342,450
2	Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and	
3	independent living grants	
4	Grants	<u>21,162,885</u>
5	Total	21,162,885
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	8,403,232
8	Federal funds	7,148,466
9	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,611,187</u>
10	Total	21,162,885
11	Sec. B.331 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - blind and visually	
12	impaired	
13	Grants	<u>1,451,457</u>
14	Total	1,451,457
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	389,154
17	Special funds	223,450
18	Federal funds	593,853
19	Global Commitment fund	<u>245,000</u>
20	Total	1,451,457
21	Sec. B.332 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - vocational	

1	rehabilitation	
2	Grants	<u>8,972,255</u>
3	Total	8,972,255
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	1,371,845
6	Special funds	70,000
7	Federal funds	4,552,523
8	Global Commitment fund	7,500
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,970,387</u>
10	Total	8,972,255
11	Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental	
12	services	
13	Grants	<u>208,837,426</u>
14	Total	208,837,426
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	155,125
17	Special funds	15,463
18	Federal funds	359,857
19	Global Commitment fund	<u>208,306,981</u>
20	Total	208,837,426
21	Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and	

1	community based waiver	
2	Grants	<u>5,647,336</u>
3	Total	5,647,336
4	Source of funds	
5	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,647,336</u>
6	Total	5,647,336
7	Sec. B.335 Corrections - administration	
8	Personal services	2,761,226
9	Operating expenses	<u>238,644</u>
10	Total	2,999,870
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	<u>2,999,870</u>
13	Total	2,999,870
14	Sec. B.336 Corrections - parole board	
15	Personal services	259,000
16	Operating expenses	<u>81,081</u>
17	Total	340,081
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	<u>340,081</u>
20	Total	340,081
21	Sec. B.337 Corrections - correctional education	

1	Personal services	2,827,819
2	Operating expenses	<u>510,128</u>
3	Total	3,337,947
4	Source of funds	
5	Education fund	3,189,163
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>148,784</u>
7	Total	3,337,947
8	Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services	
9	Personal services	108,272,207
10	Operating expenses	22,048,934
11	Grants	<u>9,426,638</u>
12	Total	139,747,779
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	132,862,670
15	Special funds	629,963
16	Federal funds	470,962
17	Global Commitment fund	5,387,869
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>
19	Total	139,747,779
20	Sec. B.339 Corrections - Correctional services-out of state beds	
21	Personal services	<u>7,410,632</u>

1	Total	7,410,632
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	<u>7,410,632</u>
4	Total	7,410,632
5	Sec. B.340 Corrections - correctional facilities - recreation	
6	Personal services	447,785
7	Operating expenses	<u>455,845</u>
8	Total	903,630
9	Source of funds	
10	Special funds	<u>903,630</u>
11	Total	903,630
12	Sec. B.341 Corrections - Vermont offender work program	
13	Personal services	1,375,777
14	Operating expenses	<u>565,784</u>
15	Total	1,941,561
16	Source of funds	
17	Internal service funds	<u>1,941,561</u>
18	Total	1,941,561
19	Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services	
20	Personal services	18,740,073
21	Operating expenses	<u>4,687,334</u>

1	Total	23,427,407
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	6,365,116
4	Special funds	8,474,443
5	Federal funds	8,176,862
6	Global Commitment fund	<u>410,986</u>
7	Total	23,427,407
8	Sec. B.343 Commission on women	
9	Personal services	300,078
10	Operating expenses	<u>70,983</u>
11	Total	371,061
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	<u>371,061</u>
14	Total	371,061
15	Sec. B.344 Retired senior volunteer program	
16	Grants	<u>151,096</u>
17	Total	151,096
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	<u>151,096</u>
20	Total	151,096
21	Sec. B.345 Green Mountain Care Board	

1	Personal services	7,312,099
2	Operating expenses	<u>1,407,428</u>
3	Total	8,719,527
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	2,119,482
6	Special funds	3,587,883
7	Federal funds	226,574
8	Global Commitment fund	2,567,518
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>218,070</u>
10	Total	8,719,527
11	Sec. B.346 Total human services	
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	690,747,501
14	Special funds	105,242,759
15	Tobacco fund	23,308,187
16	State health care resources fund	293,176,780
17	Education fund	3,189,163
18	Federal funds	1,408,931,087
19	Global Commitment fund	1,541,149,269
20	Internal service funds	1,941,561
21	Interdepartmental transfers	45,068,129

1	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
2	Total	4,112,779,436
3	Sec. B.400 Labor - programs	
4	Personal services	30,803,543
5	Operating expenses	8,195,159
6	Grants	<u>1,500,000</u>
7	Total	40,498,702
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	3,282,129
10	Special funds	3,616,477
11	Federal funds	31,891,593
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,708,503</u>
13	Total	40,498,702
14	Sec. B.401 Total labor	
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	3,282,129
17	Special funds	3,616,477
18	Federal funds	31,891,593
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,708,503</u>
20	Total	40,498,702
21	Sec. B.500 Education - finance and administration	

1	Personal services	8,778,194
2	Operating expenses	2,475,753
3	Grants	<u>17,087,879</u>
4	Total	28,341,826
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	3,475,789
7	Special funds	18,330,173
8	Education fund	1,015,606
9	Federal funds	2,714,811
10	Global Commitment fund	260,000
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,545,447</u>
12	Total	28,341,826
13	Sec. B.501 Education - education services	
14	Personal services	18,681,101
15	Operating expenses	1,604,659
16	Grants	<u>125,444,492</u>
17	Total	145,730,252
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	5,530,968
20	Special funds	3,908,374
21	Tobacco fund	750,388

1	Federal funds	133,477,859
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,062,663</u>
3	Total	145,730,252
4	Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants	
5	Grants	<u>180,749,796</u>
6	Total	180,749,796
7	Source of funds	
8	Education fund	<u>180,749,796</u>
9	Total	180,749,796
10	Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students	
11	Grants	<u>16,700,000</u>
12	Total	16,700,000
13	Source of funds	
14	Education fund	<u>16,700,000</u>
15	Total	16,700,000
16	Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy	
17	Grants	<u>4,254,045</u>
18	Total	4,254,045
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	787,995
21	Education fund	2,700,000

1	Federal funds	<u>766,050</u>
2	Total	4,254,045
3	Sec. B.504.1 Education - Flexible Pathways	
4	Grants	<u>7,200,000</u>
5	Total	7,200,000
6	Source of funds	
7	Education fund	<u>7,200,000</u>
8	Total	7,200,000
9	Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment	
10	Grants	<u>1,352,200,000</u>
11	Total	1,352,200,000
12	Source of funds	
13	Education fund	<u>1,352,200,000</u>
14	Total	1,352,200,000
15	Sec. B.506 Education - transportation	
16	Grants	<u>18,745,381</u>
17	Total	18,745,381
18	Source of funds	
19	Education fund	<u>18,745,381</u>
20	Total	18,745,381
21	Sec. B.507 Education - small school grants	

1	Grants	<u>7,600,000</u>
2	Total	7,600,000
3	Source of funds	
4	Education fund	<u>7,600,000</u>
5	Total	7,600,000
6	Sec. B.508 Education - capital debt service aid	
7	Grants	<u>25,000</u>
8	Total	25,000
9	Source of funds	
10	Education fund	<u>25,000</u>
11	Total	25,000
12	Sec. B.510 Education - essential early education grant	
13	Grants	<u>6,442,927</u>
14	Total	6,442,927
15	Source of funds	
16	Education fund	<u>6,442,927</u>
17	Total	6,442,927
18	Sec. B.511 Education - technical education	
19	Grants	<u>13,613,512</u>
20	Total	13,613,512
21	Source of funds	

1	Education fund	<u>13,613,512</u>
2	Total	13,613,512
3	Sec. B.513 Appropriation and transfer to education fund	
4	Grants	<u>314,695,753</u>
5	Total	314,695,753
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	<u>314,695,753</u>
8	Total	314,695,753
9	Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system	
10	Grants	<u>83,809,437</u>
11	Total	83,809,437
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	75,912,816
14	Education fund	<u>7,896,621</u>
15	Total	83,809,437
16	Sec. B.514.1 State teachers' retirement system	
17	Personal services	6,192,879
18	Operating expenses	<u>1,494,552</u>
19	Total	7,687,431
20	Source of funds	
21	Pension trust funds	<u>7,687,431</u>

1	Total	7,687,431
2	Sec. B.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits	
3	Grants	<u>27,560,966</u>
4	Total	27,560,966
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	27,560,966
7	Education fund	<u>0</u>
8	Total	27,560,966
9	Sec. B.516 Total general education	
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	427,964,287
12	Special funds	22,238,547
13	Tobacco fund	750,388
14	Education fund	1,614,888,843
15	Federal funds	136,958,720
16	Global Commitment fund	260,000
17	Interdepartmental transfers	4,608,110
18	Pension trust funds	<u>7,687,431</u>
19	Total	2,215,356,326
20	Sec. B.600 University of Vermont	
21	Grants	<u>42,509,093</u>

1	Total	42,509,093
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	38,462,876
4	Education fund	0
5	Global Commitment fund	<u>4,046,217</u>
6	Total	42,509,093
7	Sec. B.601 Vermont Public Television	
8	Grants	<u>1</u>
9	Total	1
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	<u>1</u>
12	Total	1
13	Sec. B.602 Vermont state colleges	
14	Grants	<u>27,300,464</u>
15	Total	27,300,464
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	27,300,464
18	Education fund	<u>0</u>
19	Total	27,300,464
20	Sec. B.602.1 Vermont state colleges - Supplemental Aid	
21	Grants	<u>700,000</u>

1	Total	700,000
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	700,000
4	Education fund	<u>0</u>
5	Total	700,000
6	Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health	
7	Grants	<u>1,157,775</u>
8	Total	1,157,775
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	748,314
11	Education fund	0
12	Global Commitment fund	<u>409,461</u>
13	Total	1,157,775
14	Sec. B.605 Vermont student assistance corporation	
15	Grants	<u>19,414,588</u>
16	Total	19,414,588
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	19,414,588
19	Education fund	<u>0</u>
20	Total	19,414,588
21	Sec. B.606 New England higher education compact	

1	Grants	<u>84,000</u>
2	Total	84,000
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	84,000
5	Education fund	<u>0</u>
6	Total	84,000
7	Sec. B.607 University of Vermont - Morgan Horse Farm	
8	Grants	<u>1</u>
9	Total	1
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	<u>1</u>
12	Total	1
13	Sec. B.608 Total higher education	
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	86,710,244
16	Education fund	0
17	Global Commitment fund	<u>4,455,678</u>
18	Total	91,165,922
19	Sec. B.700 Natural resources - agency of natural resources - administration	
20	Personal services	3,930,773
21	Operating expenses	1,090,586

1	Grants	<u>34,960</u>
2	Total	5,056,319
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	4,231,479
5	Special funds	554,112
6	Federal funds	15,000
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>255,728</u>
8	Total	5,056,319
9	Sec. B.701 Natural resources - state land local property tax assessment	
10	Operating expenses	<u>2,493,229</u>
11	Total	2,493,229
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	2,071,729
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>421,500</u>
15	Total	2,493,229
16	Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services	
17	Personal services	16,627,558
18	Operating expenses	5,223,271
19	Grants	<u>860,000</u>
20	Total	22,710,829
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	5,120,337
2	Special funds	266,350
3	Fish and wildlife fund	9,329,826
4	Federal funds	7,865,515
5	Interdepartmental transfers	127,801
6	Permanent trust funds	<u>1,000</u>
7	Total	22,710,829
8	Sec. B.703 Forests, parks and recreation - administration	
9	Personal services	1,353,932
10	Operating expenses	785,612
11	Grants	<u>2,061,750</u>
12	Total	4,201,294
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	1,480,709
15	Special funds	1,447,050
16	Federal funds	1,263,535
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>10,000</u>
18	Total	4,201,294
19	Sec. B.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry	
20	Personal services	5,345,642
21	Operating expenses	772,756

1	Grants	<u>500,000</u>
2	Total	6,618,398
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	4,638,604
5	Special funds	347,174
6	Federal funds	1,362,000
7	Interdepartmental transfers	195,999
8	Permanent trust funds	<u>74,621</u>
9	Total	6,618,398
10	Sec. B.705 Forests, parks and recreation - state parks	
11	Personal services	7,999,465
12	Operating expenses	<u>2,603,498</u>
13	Total	10,602,963
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	555,654
16	Special funds	<u>10,047,309</u>
17	Total	10,602,963
18	Sec. B.706 Forests, parks and recreation - lands administration	
19	Personal services	536,620
20	Operating expenses	<u>1,201,508</u>
21	Total	1,738,128

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	501,609
3	Special funds	144,769
4	Federal funds	1,073,000
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>18,750</u>
6	Total	1,738,128
7	Sec. B.707 Forests, parks and recreation - youth conservation corps	
8	Grants	<u>326,689</u>
9	Total	326,689
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	48,307
12	Special funds	188,382
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>90,000</u>
14	Total	326,689
15	Sec. B.708 Forests, parks and recreation - forest highway maintenance	
16	Personal services	94,000
17	Operating expenses	<u>85,925</u>
18	Total	179,925
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>179,925</u>
21	Total	179,925

1	Sec. B.709 Environmental conservation - management and support services	
2	Personal services	5,671,296
3	Operating expenses	1,510,008
4	Grants	<u>187,442</u>
5	Total	7,368,746
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	931,187
8	Special funds	351,935
9	Federal funds	702,230
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,383,394</u>
11	Total	7,368,746
12	Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management	
13	Personal services	12,163,522
14	Operating expenses	8,258,175
15	Grants	<u>2,061,047</u>
16	Total	22,482,744
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	95,050
19	Special funds	18,252,862
20	Federal funds	3,944,591
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>190,241</u>

1	Total	22,482,744
2	Sec. B.711 Environmental conservation - office of water programs	
3	Personal services	18,132,902
4	Operating expenses	5,531,907
5	Grants	<u>24,284,028</u>
6	Total	47,948,837
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	7,564,123
9	Special funds	10,876,060
10	Federal funds	28,447,666
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,060,988</u>
12	Total	47,948,837
13	Sec. B.713 Natural resources board	
14	Personal services	2,556,391
15	Operating expenses	410,259
16	Grants	<u>100,000</u>
17	Total	3,066,650
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	607,606
20	Special funds	<u>2,459,044</u>
21	Total	3,066,650

1	Sec. B.714 Total natural resources	
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	28,026,319
4	Special funds	44,935,047
5	Fish and wildlife fund	9,329,826
6	Federal funds	44,673,537
7	Interdepartmental transfers	7,754,401
8	Permanent trust funds	<u>75,621</u>
9	Total	134,794,751
10	Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce	
11	and community development - administration	
12	Personal services	3,175,456
13	Operating expenses	1,206,988
14	Grants	<u>3,537,627</u>
15	Total	7,920,071
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	3,707,045
18	Special funds	4,059,800
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>153,226</u>
20	Total	7,920,071
21	Sec. B.801 Economic development	

1	Personal services	2,295,552
2	Operating expenses	820,188
3	Grants	<u>3,679,403</u>
4	Total	6,795,143
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	4,602,224
7	Special funds	610,350
8	Federal funds	<u>1,582,569</u>
9	Total	6,795,143
10	Sec. B.802 Housing & community development	
11	Personal services	3,643,631
12	Operating expenses	786,231
13	Grants	<u>4,258,021</u>
14	Total	8,687,883
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	2,627,105
17	Special funds	4,490,916
18	Federal funds	1,468,739
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>101,123</u>
20	Total	8,687,883
21	Sec. B.804 Community development block grants	

1	Grants	<u>6,326,320</u>
2	Total	6,326,320
3	Source of funds	
4	Federal funds	<u>6,326,320</u>
5	Total	6,326,320
6	Sec. B.805 Downtown transportation and capital improvement fund	
7	Personal services	98,581
8	Grants	<u>335,151</u>
9	Total	433,732
10	Source of funds	
11	Special funds	<u>433,732</u>
12	Total	433,732
13	Sec. B.806 Tourism and marketing	
14	Personal services	1,191,303
15	Operating expenses	1,792,070
16	Grants	<u>121,880</u>
17	Total	3,105,253
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	3,075,253
20	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>30,000</u>
21	Total	3,105,253

1	Sec. B.807 Vermont life	
2	Personal services	715,174
3	Operating expenses	<u>47,849</u>
4	Total	763,023
5	Source of funds	
6	Enterprise funds	<u>763,023</u>
7	Total	763,023
8	Sec. B.808 Vermont council on the arts	
9	Grants	<u>675,307</u>
10	Total	675,307
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	<u>675,307</u>
13	Total	675,307
14	Sec. B.809 Vermont symphony orchestra	
15	Grants	<u>141,214</u>
16	Total	141,214
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	<u>141,214</u>
19	Total	141,214
20	Sec. B.810 Vermont historical society	
21	Grants	<u>996,945</u>

1	Total	996,945
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	<u>996,945</u>
4	Total	996,945
5	Sec. B.811 Vermont housing and conservation board	
6	Grants	<u>30,839,032</u>
7	Total	30,839,032
8	Source of funds	
9	Special funds	12,150,447
10	Federal funds	<u>18,688,585</u>
11	Total	30,839,032
12	Sec. B.812 Vermont humanities council	
13	Grants	<u>217,959</u>
14	Total	217,959
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	<u>217,959</u>
17	Total	217,959
18	Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development	
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	16,043,052
21	Special funds	21,745,245

1	Federal funds	28,066,213
2	Interdepartmental transfers	284,349
3	Enterprise funds	<u>763,023</u>
4	Total	66,901,882
5	Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration	
6	Personal services	11,835,039
7	Operating expenses	2,732,631
8	Grants	<u>55,000</u>
9	Total	14,622,670
10	Source of funds	
11	Transportation fund	13,520,910
12	Federal funds	<u>1,101,760</u>
13	Total	14,622,670
14	Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation	
15	Personal services	3,502,776
16	Operating expenses	14,029,319
17	Grants	<u>204,000</u>
18	Total	17,736,095
19	Source of funds	
20	Transportation fund	4,929,552
21	Federal funds	<u>12,806,543</u>

1	Total	17,736,095
2	Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings	
3	Operating expenses	<u>1,900,000</u>
4	Total	1,900,000
5	Source of funds	
6	Transportation fund	<u>1,900,000</u>
7	Total	1,900,000
8	Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development	
9	Personal services	53,313,749
10	Operating expenses	193,926,320
11	Grants	<u>40,242,156</u>
12	Total	287,482,225
13	Source of funds	
14	Transportation fund	39,895,056
15	TIB fund	8,198,136
16	Federal funds	238,291,275
17	Interdepartmental transfers	239,345
18	Local match	<u>858,413</u>
19	Total	287,482,225
20	Sec. B.904 Transportation - rest areas construction	
21	Personal services	42,274

1	Operating expenses	<u>620,726</u>
2	Total	663,000
3	Source of funds	
4	Transportation fund	79,774
5	Federal funds	<u>583,226</u>
6	Total	663,000
7	Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system	
8	Personal services	43,638,652
9	Operating expenses	45,265,393
10	Grants	<u>421,780</u>
11	Total	89,325,825
12	Source of funds	
13	Transportation fund	87,376,083
14	Federal funds	1,849,742
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
16	Total	89,325,825
17	Sec. B.906 Transportation - policy and planning	
18	Personal services	3,804,950
19	Operating expenses	707,135
20	Grants	<u>6,084,347</u>
21	Total	10,596,432

1	Source of funds	
2	Transportation fund	2,706,491
3	Federal funds	7,755,912
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>134,029</u>
5	Total	10,596,432
6	Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail	
7	Personal services	6,410,380
8	Operating expenses	<u>30,670,870</u>
9	Total	37,081,250
10	Source of funds	
11	Transportation fund	18,935,869
12	TIB fund	2,840,249
13	Federal funds	15,269,507
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>35,625</u>
15	Total	37,081,250
16	Sec. B.908 Transportation - public transit	
17	Personal services	1,137,749
18	Operating expenses	120,263
19	Grants	<u>30,874,145</u>
20	Total	32,132,157
21	Source of funds	

1	Transportation fund	7,955,199
2	Federal funds	<u>24,176,958</u>
3	Total	32,132,157
4	Sec. B.909 Transportation - central garage	
5	Personal services	4,459,194
6	Operating expenses	<u>15,595,717</u>
7	Total	20,054,911
8	Source of funds	
9	Internal service funds	<u>20,054,911</u>
10	Total	20,054,911
11	Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles	
12	Personal services	18,395,579
13	Operating expenses	<u>10,906,337</u>
14	Total	29,301,916
15	Source of funds	
16	Transportation fund	27,773,478
17	Federal funds	1,423,438
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>105,000</u>
19	Total	29,301,916
20	Sec. B.911 Transportation - town highway structures	
21	Grants	<u>6,333,500</u>

1	Total	6,333,500
2	Source of funds	
3	Transportation fund	<u>6,333,500</u>
4	Total	6,333,500
5	Sec. B.912 Transportation - town highway local technical assistance program	
6	Operating expenses	71,627
7	Grants	<u>329,066</u>
8	Total	400,693
9	Source of funds	
10	Transportation fund	100,693
11	Federal funds	<u>300,000</u>
12	Total	400,693
13	Sec. B.913 Transportation - town highway class 2 roadway	
14	Grants	<u>7,848,750</u>
15	Total	7,848,750
16	Source of funds	
17	Transportation fund	<u>7,848,750</u>
18	Total	7,848,750
19	Sec. B.914 Transportation - town highway bridges	
20	Personal services	3,349,613
21	Operating expenses	13,074,396

1	Grants	<u>100,000</u>
2	Total	16,524,009
3	Source of funds	
4	Transportation fund	1,111,449
5	TIB fund	1,156,927
6	Federal funds	13,488,269
7	Local match	<u>767,364</u>
8	Total	16,524,009
9	Sec. B.915 Transportation - town highway aid program	
10	Grants	<u>25,982,744</u>
11	Total	25,982,744
12	Source of funds	
13	Transportation fund	<u>25,982,744</u>
14	Total	25,982,744
15	Sec. B.916 Transportation - town highway class 1 supplemental grants	
16	Grants	<u>128,750</u>
17	Total	128,750
18	Source of funds	
19	Transportation fund	<u>128,750</u>
20	Total	128,750
21	Sec. B.917 Transportation - town highway: state aid for nonfederal disasters	

1	Grants	<u>1,150,000</u>
2	Total	1,150,000
3	Source of funds	
4	Transportation fund	<u>1,150,000</u>
5	Total	1,150,000
6	Sec. B.918 Transportation - town highway: state aid for federal disasters	
7	Grants	<u>180,000</u>
8	Total	180,000
9	Source of funds	
10	Transportation fund	20,000
11	Federal funds	<u>160,000</u>
12	Total	180,000
13	Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation assistance program	
14	Operating expenses	150,000
15	Grants	<u>7,632,342</u>
16	Total	7,782,342
17	Source of funds	
18	Transportation fund	1,240,000
19	Special funds	1,100,000
20	Federal funds	<u>5,442,342</u>
21	Total	7,782,342

1	Sec. B.920 Transportation - public assistance grant program	
2	Operating expenses	640,000
3	Grants	<u>5,000,000</u>
4	Total	5,640,000
5	Source of funds	
6	Transportation fund	160,000
7	Special funds	2,000,000
8	Federal funds	3,000,000
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>480,000</u>
10	Total	5,640,000
11	Sec. B.921 Transportation board	
12	Personal services	205,657
13	Operating expenses	<u>28,093</u>
14	Total	233,750
15	Source of funds	
16	Transportation fund	<u>233,750</u>
17	Total	233,750
18	Sec. B.922 Total transportation	
19	Source of funds	
20	Transportation fund	249,382,048
21	TIB fund	12,195,312

1	Special funds	3,100,000
2	Federal funds	325,648,972
3	Internal service funds	20,054,911
4	Interdepartmental transfers	1,093,999
5	Local match	<u>1,625,777</u>
6	Total	613,101,019
7	Sec. B.1000 Debt service	
8	Operating expenses	<u>79,333,039</u>
9	Total	79,333,039
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	73,989,703
12	Transportation fund	1,709,452
13	ARRA funds	1,130,146
14	TIB debt service fund	<u>2,503,738</u>
15	Total	79,333,039
16	Sec. B.1001 Total debt service	
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	73,989,703
19	Transportation fund	1,709,452
20	ARRA funds	1,130,146
21	TIB debt service fund	<u>2,503,738</u>

1 Total 79,333,039

2 Sec. B.1100 NEXT GENERATION; APPROPRIATIONS AND
3 TRANSFERS

4 (a) In fiscal year 2018, \$2,909,900 is appropriated or transferred from the
5 Next Generation Initiative Fund created in 16 V.S.A. § 2887 as prescribed:

6 (1) Workforce education and training. The amount of \$1,605,400 as
7 follows:

8 (A) Workforce Education and Training Fund (WETF). The amount
9 of \$1,045,400 is transferred to the Workforce Education and Training Fund
10 created in 10 V.S.A. § 543 and subsequently appropriated to the Department of
11 Labor for workforce education and training. Up to seven percent of the funds
12 may be used for administration of the program. Of this amount, \$350,000
13 shall be allocated for competitive grants for internships through the Vermont
14 Strong Internship Program pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 544.

15 (B) Adult Career Technical Education Programs. The amount of
16 \$360,000 is appropriated to the Department of Labor in consultation with the
17 State Workforce Development Board. This appropriation is for the purpose of
18 awarding competitive grants to regional technical centers and high schools to
19 provide adult career technical education, as that term is defined in 16 V.S.A.
20 § 1522, to unemployed and underemployed Vermont adults.

21 (C) The amount of \$200,000 is appropriated to the Agency of

1 Commerce and Community Development to issue performance grants to the
2 University of Vermont and the Vermont Center for Emerging Technologies for
3 patent development and commercialization of technology and to enhance the
4 development of high technology businesses and Next Generation employment
5 opportunities throughout Vermont.

6 (2) Loan repayment. The amount of \$30,000 as follows:

7 (A) Large animal veterinarians' loan forgiveness. The amount of
8 \$30,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for a
9 loan repayment program for large animal veterinarians pursuant to 6 V.S.A.
10 § 20.

11 (3) Scholarships and grants. The amount of \$1,274,500 as follows:

12 (A) Nondegree VSAC grants. The amount of \$494,500 is
13 appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. These funds
14 shall be for the purpose of providing nondegree grants to Vermonters to
15 improve job skills and increase overall employability, enabling them to enroll
16 in a postsecondary education or training program, including adult technical
17 education that is not part of a degree or accredited certificate program.

18 A portion of these funds shall be used for grants for indirect educational
19 expenses to students enrolled in training programs. The grants shall not
20 exceed \$3,000 per student. None of these funds shall be used for
21 administrative overhead.

1 (B) National Guard Educational Assistance. The amount of
2 \$150,000 is appropriated to Military – administration to be transferred to the
3 Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the National Guard Educational
4 Assistance Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2856.

5 (C) Dual enrollment programs and need-based stipend. The amount
6 of \$600,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Education for dual enrollment
7 programs consistent with 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2), and \$30,000 is appropriated to
8 the Agency of Education to be transferred to the Vermont Student Assistance
9 Corporation for need-based stipends pursuant to Sec. E.605.1 of this act.

10 Sec. B.1100.1 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RECOMMENDATION FOR
11 FISCAL YEAR 2019 NEXT GENERATION FUND
12 DISTRIBUTION

13 (a) The Department of Labor, in coordination with the Agencies of
14 Commerce and Community Development, of Human Services, and of
15 Education, and in consultation with the State Workforce Development Board,
16 shall recommend to the Governor on or before December 1, 2017 how
17 \$2,909,900 from the Next Generation Initiative Fund should be allocated or
18 appropriated in fiscal year 2019 to provide maximum benefit to workforce
19 education and training, participation in secondary or postsecondary education
20 by underrepresented groups, and support for promising economic sectors in
21 Vermont. The State agencies and departments listed herein shall promote

1 actively and publicly the availability of the funds to eligible entities.

2 Sec. B.1101 FISCAL YEAR 2018 ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND

3 APPROPRIATIONS

4 (a) Department for Children and Families: The sum of \$600,000 in general
5 funds is appropriated to the Department for Children and Families to be used
6 to facilitate the development of two seasonal warming shelters, one in the
7 Rutland district office service area and one in the Barre district office service
8 area to be in place for the 2017-2018 heating season. The Department for
9 Children and Families and the local continuums of care in the Rutland and
10 Barre districts shall report on or before September 15 and November 15, 2017
11 to the Legislative Joint Fiscal Committee on the progress of the siting and
12 development of seasonal warming shelters in these two areas of the State. The
13 Secretary of Human Services and the Commissioner for Children and Families
14 shall work with hospitals and community organizations to access additional
15 funding, matching funds, and in-kind contributions, and to facilitate siting to
16 expand shelter availability throughout other regions of the State. A report on
17 projected shelter availability for the 2017-2018 heating season shall be
18 submitted to the Legislative Joint Fiscal Committee on or before
19 November 15, 2017.

20 (b) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets: The sum of \$25,000 in
21 general funds is appropriated to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

1 to support the Farms 2+2 Program.

2 (c) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets: The sum of \$75,000 in
3 general funds is appropriated to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets
4 for a grant to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for federal rural
5 development grant writing assistance.

6 Sec. B.1102 FISCAL YEAR 2018 MANAGEMENT SAVINGS

7 (a) The Secretary of Administration shall reduce fiscal year 2018
8 appropriations and make transfers to the General Fund for a total of
9 \$5,000,000. The Administration is not limited to the following proposals to
10 achieve this target, but shall analyze the following for fiscal year 2018
11 budgetary savings:

12 (1) the elimination of exempt positions;

13 (2) savings identified through improved business processes and
14 administrative efficiencies;

15 (3) administrative or contractual reductions, including savings from
16 improved systems of procurement;

17 (4) savings in State employee health care costs through increased price
18 awareness;

19 (5) the Agency of Human Services shall review and quantify savings
20 from improved oversight and fiscal controls in order to prevent fraud and
21 overpayment related to personal care services reimbursed by the departments

1 of the Agency;

2 (6) review of statewide operating expenses that include:

3 (A) physical space needs statewide for potential reduction of leased
4 space or divestment of owned real estate where appropriate;

5 (B) examination of the alignment of the cost control incentives or
6 disincentives in the State's largest internal service fund programs, including
7 fee for space, and innovation and information charges; and

8 (C) telecommunication services, postage equipment, and other
9 equipment rentals.

10 (b) The Department of Corrections shall be held harmless from the savings
11 target in subsection (a) of this section due to Corrections-specific existing
12 savings targets contained elsewhere in this act.

13 (c) Savings identified by the Administration to meet the target in
14 subsection (a) of this section shall be multiyear in nature to the greatest extent
15 possible. The Administration shall provide in the report required in subsection
16 (d) of this section the fully annualized savings for any reductions and transfers
17 that require more time to be fully implemented.

18 (d) The Secretary shall submit a written report of the appropriations
19 reductions and transfers to the Joint Fiscal Committee in November 2017. The
20 report shall include:

21 (1) the budgetary changes by agency and department and funding

1 source;

2 (2) the short- and long-term implications to individuals, organizations,
3 or State systems of each change;

4 (3) if any identified savings are only one-time in nature, the associated
5 longer term actions that the Secretary recommends to make the savings
6 continue into future years or become permanent; and

7 (4) if any reductions or transfers require specific statutory changes,
8 these shall be summarized in the report and presented in full to the House and
9 Senate Committees on Appropriations and other relevant standing committees
10 during the 2018 legislative session.

11 Sec. B.1103 [DELETED]

12 Sec. B.1104 [DELETED]

13 Sec. B.1105 [DELETED]

14 Sec. B.1106 [DELETED]

15 Sec. B.1107 [DELETED]

16 Sec. C.100 FISCAL YEAR 2017 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

17 (a) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$1,930,000 in general funds is
18 appropriated to the Secretary of Administration to be carried forward into
19 fiscal year 2018 for distribution to departments to provide funding for changes
20 in employee classification occurring in fiscal year 2017 that are approved in
21 accordance with the collective bargaining agreements.

1 (b) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$323,826 in general funds is
2 appropriated to the Judiciary for retroactive docket clerk reclassification.

3 (c) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$245,246 in general funds is
4 appropriated to the Attorney General to be carried forward into fiscal year
5 2018 for tobacco master settlement arbitration or litigation.

6 (d) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$100,000 in general funds is
7 appropriated to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to be carried
8 forward for fiscal year 2018 one-time expenditure by the Vermont Working
9 Lands Enterprise Board established in 6 V.S.A. § 4606 for investments in food
10 and forest system businesses and service providers pursuant to 6 V.S.A. § 4607
11 and consistent with the funding priorities in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 142,
12 Sec. 5, as amended by 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.224.1.

13 (e) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$1,250,000 in general funds is
14 appropriated to the Department of Public Safety to purchase police cruiser and
15 body cameras, including equipment, maintenance, and warranty costs. The
16 first priority for the use of these funds shall be for the State match in fiscal
17 years 2018 and 2019 for federal NHTSA/GHSP funds for cruiser cameras
18 pending a waiver to meet “buy American” federal requirements. Second
19 priority is for cruiser cameras if a waiver is denied. Body cameras may be
20 purchased with any remaining funds.

21 (f) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$200,000 in general funds is

1 appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services to be used
2 in combination with available capital appropriations for activities to reuse the
3 Southeast State Correctional Facility located in Windsor, Vermont subsequent
4 to a plan specified in Sec. E.335.1 of this act.

5 (g) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$250,000 in general funds is
6 appropriated to the Agency of Administration for a one-time grant to the
7 Vermont Law School. This grant will provide a State match toward the
8 \$5,000,000 hybrid residential and online program designed to attract new
9 groups of national and international students to enroll in Vermont-based
10 programs at the law school.

11 (h) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$260,000 in general funds is
12 appropriated to the Office of the Attorney General to pay costs or liabilities
13 incurred by the Attorney General representing Vermont consumers in pending
14 matters relating to VW and the efficacy of a dietary supplement.

15 (i) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$880,000 in general funds is
16 appropriated to the Vermont State Colleges to pay the second of three
17 installments to support the unification of Johnson and Lyndon State Colleges
18 into the new Northern Vermont University.

19 (j) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$27,000 in general funds is appropriated
20 to the Department of Buildings and General Services to support the operating
21 expenses of the Bennington Welcome Center. For subsequent fiscal years,

1 operating expenses of the Bennington Welcome Center shall not be supported
2 with supplemental appropriations in addition to the amounts requested by the
3 Department of Buildings and General Services and approved by the General
4 Assembly in the annual appropriations bill.

5 (k) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$150,000 in general funds is
6 appropriated to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for
7 the Vermont Small Business Development Center for the purpose of increasing
8 the number of business advisors in the State, with priority for underserved
9 regions.

10 (l) In fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$100,000 in general funds is
11 appropriated to the Office of Economic Opportunity in the Department for
12 Children and Families for pass-through grants to the Community Action
13 Agencies to provide funding for the regional Microbusiness Development
14 Programs pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 3722.

15 Sec. C.100.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MARKETING

16 (a) In fiscal year 2017, the Agency of Commerce and Community
17 Development is authorized to transfer and carry forward \$250,000 of general
18 funds appropriated for the Vermont Training Program to:

19 (1) implement the Department of Economic Development's economic
20 development marketing plan to attract and retain residents and businesses to
21 Vermont, highlighting the many positive features that make Vermont a great

1 place to live, work, and do business; and

2 (2) prioritize marketing tactics with the potential to shift most
3 efficiently and effectively perceptions about Vermont as a place to live and
4 work, and that will form a set of marketing assets and strategic
5 framework to sustain Department of Economic Development activities beyond
6 initial implementation.

7 (b) Funds available to implement this section may be matched with federal
8 funds, special funds, grants, donations, and private funds. To increase the
9 amount and effectiveness of marketing activities conducted, the Agency shall
10 collaborate with private sector partners to maximize State marketing resources
11 and to enable Vermont businesses to align their own brand identities with the
12 Vermont brand, enhancing the reputations of both the business and the State.

13 (c) Prior to taking any action pursuant to subsection (a) of this section,
14 including issuing any requests for proposals for contracts or grants to partner
15 with the Department in implementing this section, the Secretary of Commerce
16 and Community Development shall adopt relevant outcomes, performance
17 measures, and indicators in order to:

18 (1) clearly articulate the goals and expectations for the State's economic
19 development marketing plan and its implementation, any contracts or grants
20 with the Department, and for the activities of the Department and its
21 partners; and

1 (2) enable the General Assembly to evaluate the performance and
2 effectiveness of the plan and its implementation, and of the activities of the
3 Department and its partners undertaken pursuant to this section.

4 Sec. C.100.2 MEDICAID CARRY FORWARD REQUIREMENT

5 (a) In fiscal year 2017, the Agency of Human Services shall reserve and
6 carry forward to fiscal year 2018 \$1,250,000 of the general funds appropriated
7 in 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.301 as amended by 2017 Acts and
8 Resolves No. 3, Sec. 18. The Commissioner of Finance and Management is
9 authorized to adjust fiscal year 2017 Federal Fund and Global Commitment
10 Fund appropriations in the Agency of Human Services and Department of
11 Vermont Health Access to comport with this requirement.

12 Sec. C.101 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 60 is amended to read

13 Sec. 60. FUND TRANSFERS

14 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
15 2017:

16 (1) The following amounts shall be transferred to the General Fund
17 from the funds indicated:

18	21054	Misc. Fines & Penalties	442,849.77
19	21065	Financial Institute Supervision	728,499.86
20	21405	Bond Investment Earnings Fund	161,100.90
21	21550	Land & Facilities Trust Fund	450,000.00

1	21641	AG – Administrative Special Fund	30,848.02
2	21638	AG – Fees & Reimbursements -Court Order	<u>(est.)</u> 2,400,000.00
3	22005	AHS Central Office earned federal receipts	28,040,542.00
4	50300	Liquor Control Fund	955,000.00
5		Caledonia Fair	5,000.00
6		North Country Hospital Loan	24,250.00

7 (2) All or a portion of the unencumbered balances in the Insurance
8 Regulatory and Supervision Fund (Fund Number 21075), the Captive
9 Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (Fund Number 21085), and the
10 Securities Regulatory and Supervision Fund (Fund Number 21080) expected
11 to be approximately ~~\$22,452,018~~ \$22,732,018 shall be transferred to the
12 General Fund, provided that on or before July 1, 2017, the Commissioner of
13 Financial Regulation certifies to the Joint Fiscal Committee that the transfer of
14 such balances, or any smaller portion deemed proper by the Commissioner,
15 will not impair the ability of the Department in fiscal year 2018 to provide
16 thorough, competent, fair, and effective regulatory services, or maintain
17 accreditation by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; and
18 that the Joint Fiscal Committee does not reject such certification.

19 (3) The following amounts shall be transferred from the General Fund
20 to the funds indicated:

21	21275	Environmental Contingency Fund	500,000.00
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1 provide a written report to the Joint Fiscal Committee of the determination and
2 the amount transferred. Any funds remaining in this appropriation and not
3 transferred shall revert to the General Fund in fiscal year 2017.

4 (b) ~~The amount of funds appropriated in subsection (a) of this section shall~~
5 ~~be unreserved from the Human Services Caseload Reserve established in~~
6 ~~32 V.S.A. § 308b. The funds reverted in subsection (a) of this section shall be~~
7 ~~reserved in the Human Services Caseload Reserve.~~

8 (a) The amount of \$3,738,117 in general funds shall be unreserved from
9 the Human Services Caseload Management Reserve established in 32 V.S.A.
10 § 308b.

11 (b) At the close of fiscal year 2017 and after meeting the requirements of
12 Sec. C.100.2 of H.542 of the 2017 session, an amount up to \$3,738,117 of any
13 unencumbered General Fund appropriation in 2016 Acts and Resolves No.
14 172, Sec. B.301 as amended by 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 18, and as
15 further amended by Sec. C.107 of H.542 of the 2017 session, that would
16 otherwise be authorized to carry forward shall revert to the General Fund and
17 be reserved in the Human Services Caseload Management Reserve established
18 in 32 V.S.A. § 308b.

19 Sec. C.104 FISCAL YEAR 2017 27/53 RESERVE FUNDING SOURCE

20 TRANSFER

21 (a) Notwithstanding 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.1104 or any

1 other provision of law to the contrary, any General Fund amount reserved in
2 fiscal year 2017 in the 27/53 Reserve created in 32 V.S.A. § 308e shall be
3 unreserved.

4 (b) In fiscal year 2017, \$5,287,591 shall be transferred from the Global
5 Commitment Fund to the General Fund to be reserved in the 27/53 Reserve
6 created in 32 V.S.A. § 308e.

7 Sec. C.105 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.200 as amended by 2017
8 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 9 is further amended to read:

9 Sec. B.200 Attorney general

10	Personal services	9,160,530	8,900,530
11	Operating expenses	1,386,540	1,386,540
12	Grants	<u>26,894</u>	<u>26,894</u>
13	Total	10,573,964	10,313,964

14 Source of funds

15	General fund	4,598,420	4,338,420
16	Special funds	2,150,198	2,150,198
17	Tobacco fund	348,000	348,000
18	Federal funds	1,067,909	1,067,909
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,409,437</u>	<u>2,409,437</u>
20	Total	10,573,964	10,313,964

21 Sec. C.106 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.240 as amended by 2017

1 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 16 is further amended to read:

2 Sec. B.240 Total protection to persons and property

3 Source of funds

4	General fund	140,870,696	140,610,696
5	Transportation fund	21,150,000	21,150,000
6	Special funds	83,106,552	83,106,552
7	Tobacco fund	600,874	600,874
8	Federal funds	64,642,371	64,642,371
9	ARRA funds	650,000	650,000
10	Global Commitment fund	90,278	90,278
11	Interdepartmental transfers	12,737,631	12,737,631
12	Enterprise funds	<u>8,032,560</u>	<u>8,032,560</u>
13	Total	331,880,962	331,620,962

14 Sec. C.107 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.301 as amended by 2017

15 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 18 is further amended to read:

16 Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment

17	Operating expenses	5,529,495	5,529,495
18	Grants	<u>1,596,194,550</u>	<u>1,599,932,667</u>
19	Total	1,601,724,045	1,605,462,162

20 Source of funds

21	General fund	284,257,664	287,995,781
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1	Special funds		28,263,866	28,263,866
2	Tobacco fund		29,716,875	29,716,875
3	State health care resources fund		297,599,293	297,599,293
4	Federal funds		961,846,347	961,846,347
5	Interdepartmental transfers		<u>40,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>
6	Total	1,601,724,045	1,605,462,162	

7 Sec. C.108 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.345 as amended by 2017
8 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 45 is further amended to read:

9 Sec. B.345 Green Mountain Care Board

10	Personal services		8,736,409	9,131,409
11	Operating expenses		<u>1,230,995</u>	<u>835,995</u>
12	Total	9,967,404	9,967,404	

13 Source of funds

14	General fund		1,401,276	1,401,276
15	Special funds		2,342,927	2,342,927
16	Federal funds		448,808	448,808
17	Global Commitment fund		4,281,832	4,281,832
18	Interdepartmental transfers		<u>1,492,561</u>	<u>1,492,561</u>
19	Total	9,967,404	9,967,404	

20 Sec. C.109 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.346 as amended by 2017
21 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 46 is further amended to read:

1	Sec. B.346 Total human services		
2	Source of funds		
3	General fund	693,886,463	697,624,580
4	Special funds	99,545,755	99,545,755
5	Tobacco fund	33,550,914	33,550,914
6	State health care resources fund	297,599,293	297,599,293
7	Education fund	3,109,463	3,109,463
8	Federal funds	1,391,826,777	1,391,826,777
9	Global Commitment fund	1,540,769,628	1,540,769,628
10	Internal service funds	1,908,035	1,908,035
11	Interdepartmental transfers	24,664,768	24,664,768
12	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
13	Total	4,086,886,096	4,090,624,213
14	Sec. C.110 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.1000 as amended by		
15	2017 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 58 is further amended to read:		
16	Sec. B.1000 Debt service		
17	Operating expenses	<u>76,991,491</u>	<u>76,991,491</u>
18	Total	76,991,491	76,991,491
19	Source of funds		
20	General fund	71,120,080	71,120,080
21	Transportation fund	1,884,089	1,884,089

1	Special funds	336,000	336,000
2	ARRA funds	1,149,919	1,149,909
3	TIB debt service fund	<u>2,501,413</u>	<u>2,501,413</u>
4	Total	76,991,491	76,991,491
5	Sec. C.111 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.1001 as amended by 2017		
6	Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 59 is further amended to read:		
7	Sec. B.1001 Total debt service		
8	Source of funds		
9	General fund	71,120,080	71,120,080
10	Transportation fund	1,884,089	1,884,089
11	Special funds	336,000	336,000
12	ARRA funds	1,149,919	1,149,909
13	TIB debt service fund	<u>2,501,413</u>	<u>2,501,413</u>
14	Total	76,991,491	76,991,491
15	Sec. C.112 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.514 is amended to read:		
16	Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system		
17	Grants	78,959,576	<u>78,659,576</u>
18	Total	78,959,576	<u>78,659,576</u>
19	Source of funds		
20	General fund	78,959,576	<u>78,659,576</u>
21	Total	78,959,576	<u>78,659,576</u>

1 Sec. C.113 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.515 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits

3 Grants 22,022,584 22,322,584

4 Total 22,022,584 22,322,584

5 Source of funds

6 General fund 22,022,584 22,322,584

7 Total 22,022,584 22,322,584

8 Sec. C.114 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.514 is amended to read:

9 Sec. E.514 State teachers' retirement system

10 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(g)(2), the annual contribution to
11 the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) shall be \$82,659,576, of which
12 ~~\$78,959,576~~ \$78,659,576 shall be the State's contribution and ~~\$3,700,000~~
13 \$4,000,000 shall be contributed from local school systems or educational
14 entities pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944c.

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16 Sec. C.115 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.515 is amended to read:

17 Sec. E.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits

18 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(b)(2), ~~\$22,022,584~~ \$22,322,584
19 will be contributed to the Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefits plan.

20 Sec. C.116 32 V.S.A. § 131 is amended to read:

21 § 131. COMPOSITION

1 of the Secretary of Administration, General, Transportation, Transportation
2 Infrastructure Bond, ~~and~~ Education Fund, Clean Water Fund (Fund 21932),
3 and Agricultural Water Quality Fund (Fund 21933) appropriations remaining
4 unexpended on June 30, 2017 in the Executive Branch of State government
5 shall be carried forward and shall be designated for expenditure.

6 Sec. C.119 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. B.1106(b) as amended by
7 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 70 is further amended to read:

8 (b) The Secretary of Administration shall reduce fiscal year 2017
9 appropriations and make transfers to the General Fund for a total of \$343,369.
10 Savings in the amount of \$206,631 are included in the fiscal year 2017 budget
11 adjustment for a total savings of \$550,000. The remaining appropriations and
12 transfers for savings ~~associated with positions abolished in subsection (a) of~~
13 ~~this section~~ shall be made prior to close out of fiscal year 2017 and be reported
14 to the Joint Fiscal Committee at the July 2017 meeting.

15 Sec. C.120 GENERAL FUND YEAR END CLOSE OUT

16 (a) In fiscal years 2017 and 2018, after satisfying the requirements of
17 32 V.S.A. § 308, and after other reserve requirements have been met, the
18 provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 308c(a)(1)–(3) shall not be applied, and any
19 remaining unreserved and undesignated end of fiscal year General Fund
20 surplus shall be reserved in the General Fund Balance Reserve established in
21 32 V.S.A. § 308c.

1 Sec. D.100 APPROPRIATIONS; PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

2 (a) This act contains the following amounts appropriated from special
3 funds that receive revenue from the property transfer tax. Expenditures from
4 these appropriations shall not exceed available revenues.

5 (1) The sum of \$518,000 is appropriated from the Current Use
6 Administration Special Fund to the Department of Taxes for administration of
7 the Use Tax Reimbursement Program. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c),
8 amounts above \$518,000 from the property transfer tax that are deposited into
9 the Current Use Administration Special Fund shall be transferred into the
10 General Fund.

11 (2) The sum of \$11,304,840 is appropriated from the Vermont Housing
12 and Conservation Trust Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board.
13 Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts above \$11,304,840 from the
14 property transfer tax that are deposited into the Vermont Housing and
15 Conservation Trust Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund.

16 (3) The sum of \$3,760,599 is appropriated from the Municipal and
17 Regional Planning Fund. Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), amounts
18 above \$3,760,599 from the property transfer tax that are deposited into the
19 Municipal and Regional Planning Fund shall be transferred into the General
20 Fund. The \$3,760,599 shall be allocated as follows:

21 (A) \$2,924,417 for disbursement to regional planning commissions

1 in a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

2 (B) \$457,482 for disbursement to municipalities in a manner
3 consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

4 (C) \$378,700 to the Agency of Commerce and Community
5 Development for the Vermont Center for Geographic Information, established
6 in 10 V.S.A. § 122.

7 Sec. D.100.1 REPEAL

8 (a) 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 45, Secs. 35 (repeal of change in allocation
9 of property transfer tax revenue) and 37(10), as amended by 2016 Acts and
10 Resolves No. 172, Sec. D.100.1 (effective date of change in allocation of
11 property transfer tax revenue) are repealed.

12 Sec. D.100.2 [DELETED]

13 Sec. D.101 FISCAL YEAR 2018 FUND TRANSFERS, REVERSIONS,
14 AND RESERVES

15 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following amounts are
16 transferred from the funds indicated:

17 (1) From the General Fund to the Next Generation Initiative Fund
18 established by 16 V.S.A. § 2887: \$2,909,900.

19 (2) From the Clean Water Fund established by 10 V.S.A. § 1388 to the
20 Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund created under 6 V.S.A. § 4803:
21 \$1,225,000.

1 (3) From the Transportation Fund to the Downtown Transportation and
2 Related Capital Improvement Fund established by 24 V.S.A. § 2796 to be used
3 by the Vermont Downtown Development Board for the purposes of the Fund:
4 \$423,966.

5 (4) From the Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund established by
6 19 V.S.A. § 11f to the Transportation Infrastructure Bonds Debt Service Fund
7 established by 32 V.S.A. § 951a for the purpose of funding fiscal year 2019
8 transportation infrastructure bonds debt service: \$2,504,688.

9 (b) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
10 2018:

11 (1) The following amounts shall be transferred to the General Fund
12 from the funds indicated:

13	<u>21550</u>	<u>Land & Facilities Trust Fund</u>	<u>429,000.00</u>
14	<u>21638</u>	<u>AG-Fees & Reimbursements-Court Order</u>	<u>2,000,000.00</u>
15	<u>21909</u>	<u>Tax Computer System Modernization</u>	<u>798,808.00</u>
16	<u>21937</u>	<u>GMCB Regulatory and Admin Fund</u>	<u>850,000.00</u>
17	<u>22005</u>	<u>AHS Central Office earned federal receipts</u>	<u>32,971,342.00</u>
18	<u>50300</u>	<u>Liquor Control Fund</u>	<u>1,055,000.00</u>
19		<u>Caledonia Fair</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
20		<u>North Country Hospital Loan</u>	<u>24,250.00</u>

21 (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year

1 2018:

2 (1) The following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the
3 accounts indicated:

4 1210001000 Legislative Council 150,000.00

5 1210002000 Legislature 385,000.00

6 1230001000 Sergeant at Arms 19,000.00

7 7120890704 International Trade Commission 7,711.88

8 Sec. D.101.1 ONE-TIME FISCAL YEAR 2018 FUND TRANSFER TO
9 EDUCATION FUND

10 (a) In fiscal year 2018, the sum of \$3,270,000 is transferred from the
11 General Fund to the Education Fund.

12 Sec. D.101.2 ONE YEAR RESCISSION ELIGIBILITY FOR GENERAL
13 FUND TO EDUCATION FUND TRANSFER

14 (a) For fiscal year 2018 only and notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 704(g)(2),
15 the transfer and appropriation in Sec. B.513 of this act is subject to General
16 Fund rescissions not to exceed one percent of the transfer or the percent that
17 the rescission amount as specified in Sec. D.105(b) of this act is of the total
18 General Fund budget, whichever is less.

19 (b) Any rescission made to the transfer in subsection (a) of this section
20 shall be subtracted from the base amount used to calculate the General Fund
21 transfer under 16 V.S.A. § 4025(a)(2) for the next fiscal year.

1 Sec. D.102 TOBACCO LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUND BALANCE

2 (a) Notwithstanding 18 V.S.A. § 9502(b), the actual balances at the end of
3 fiscal year 2017 in the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund established by
4 32 V.S.A. § 435a shall remain for appropriation in fiscal year 2018.

5 Sec. D.103 TRANSFER OF TOBACCO TRUST FUNDS

6 (a) Notwithstanding 18 V.S.A. § 9502(a)(3) and (4), the actual amount of
7 investment earnings of the Tobacco Trust Fund at the end of fiscal year 2018
8 and any additional amount necessary to ensure the balance in the Tobacco
9 Litigation Settlement Fund at the close of fiscal year 2018 is not negative shall
10 be transferred in fiscal year 2018 from the Tobacco Trust Fund established by
11 18 V.S.A. § 9502(a) to the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund established by
12 32 V.S.A. § 435a.

13 Sec. D.104 HUMAN SERVICES CASELOAD MANAGEMENT RESERVE

14 (a) The sum of \$12,000,000 shall be reserved from the General Fund in the
15 Human Services Caseload Management Reserve established in 32 V.S.A.
16 § 308b.

17 Sec. D.105 FISCAL YEAR 2018 ONE-TIME CORPORATE TAX REFUND
18 OFFSET

19 (a) The Administration and Legislative economists have indicated that one-
20 time corporate tax refunds may result in a revenue downgrade for fiscal year
21 2018. To address the one-time fiscal impacts of this in fiscal year 2018, the

1 following actions are authorized:

2 (1) As part of the official revenue forecast for fiscal year 2018 under
3 32 V.S.A § 305a, the Emergency Board at its July 2017 meeting shall hear
4 testimony from the Administration and Legislative economists and adopt a
5 fiscal year 2018 estimate for expected corporate tax refunds above historical
6 trend.

7 (2) Based on the adopted amount of corporate income tax refunds under
8 subdivision (1) of this subsection, to the extent necessary the following offsets
9 will be made in the order below:

10 (A) The Commissioner of Finance and Management may review
11 fund balances in State special funds and end of fiscal year 2017 carry forward
12 appropriation balances throughout the Executive Branch. Up to \$5,000,000
13 may be identified for transfer or reversion to the General Fund. To the extent
14 necessary, the Emergency Board will review any proposed fund transfers and
15 under its authority pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 133(b) make fund transfers at a
16 meeting scheduled on or before September 15, 2017.

17 (B) Up to \$10,000,000 of the Global Commitment Fund balance may
18 be transferred to the General Fund.

19 (b) Any other revenue adjustments shall be made in accordance with end of
20 the year revenue offsets and the statutory rescission process under 32 V.S.A.
21 § 704.

1 Sec. D.106 USE OF HEALTH IT-FUND BALANCE

2 (a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 10301(a), the Agency of Human Services
3 may expend \$2,000,000 of the Health IT-Fund as State match for Global
4 Commitment program expenditures in fiscal year 2018 and the sum of
5 \$500,000 is transferred from the Health IT-Fund to the General Fund and
6 reserved in the Rainy Day Reserve established in 32 V.S.A. § 308c. It is the
7 intent of the General Assembly to expend an additional \$2,000,000 from the
8 Health IT-Fund as State match for Global Commitment program expenditures
9 in fiscal year 2019.

10 Sec. D.107 FISCAL YEAR 2018 TRANSFER TO THE 27/53 RESERVE

11 (a) In fiscal year 2018, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
12 contrary, in order to meet the Medicaid 53rd week reserve requirement of the
13 27/53 Reserve, the sum of \$1,700,000 shall be transferred from the Global
14 Commitment Fund to the General Fund to be reserved in the 27/53 Reserve
15 created in 32 V.S.A. § 308e.

16 * * * GENERAL GOVERNMENT * * *

17 Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITION AUTHORIZATIONS

18 (a) The establishment of the following new permanent classified positions
19 is authorized in fiscal year 2018:

20 (1) In the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets – one (1)
21 Microbiologist.

1 (2) In the Department of Taxes – two (2) Tax Examiner.

2 (b) The establishment of the following new permanent exempt position is
3 authorized in fiscal year 2017 as follows:

4 (1) In the Department of State’s Attorneys – one (1) Labor Relations
5 Manager. This position shall be transferred and converted from existing
6 vacant position number 267186 within the Department of State’s Attorneys.

7 (c) The establishment of the following new classified limited services
8 positions is authorized in fiscal year 2017:

9 (1) In the Department of Military – three (3) Security Guard.

10 (d) The positions established in this section shall be transferred and
11 converted from existing vacant positions in the Executive Branch, and shall
12 not increase the total number of authorized State positions, as defined in
13 Sec. A.107 of this act.

14 Sec. E.100.1 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.100(d), as amended by
15 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 4, Sec. 74, and 2016 Acts and Resolves No.172,
16 Sec. E.100.2, is further amended to read:

17 (d) Position Pilot Program. A Position Pilot is hereby created to assist
18 participating departments in more effectively managing costs of overtime,
19 compensatory time, temporary employees, and contractual work by removing
20 the position cap with the goal of maximizing resources to the greatest benefit
21 of Vermont taxpayers.

1 (1) Notwithstanding Sec. A.107 of this act, the Agency of
2 Transportation, the Department for Children and Families, the Agency of
3 Natural Resources, the Department of Buildings and General Services, the
4 Department of Labor, ~~and~~ the Department of Corrections, and the Department
5 of Public Safety shall not be subject to the cap on positions for the duration of
6 the Pilot. The Department of Corrections is authorized to add only
7 Correctional Officer I and II positions.

8 * * *

9 (7) This Pilot shall sunset on July 1, ~~2017~~ 2018, unless extended or
10 modified by the General Assembly.

11 (8) On or before January 15, 2018 the Commissioner of Human
12 Resources shall provide a report by department on the total number of
13 positions created under the authority of this section to the House and Senate
14 Committees on Appropriations. The Commissioner shall include in the report
15 a recommendation on whether this program should be expanded and continue
16 and, if so, should it be extended but remain in session law or be made
17 permanent by codification in statute.

18 Sec. E.100.2 REPEAL

19 (a) 3 V.S.A. § 2222a is repealed.

20 Sec. E.108 [DELETED]

21 Sec. E.108.1 CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM PLANNING

1 (a) As a continuation of classification system analysis begun pursuant to
2 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58, Sec. E.100.1, the Department of Human
3 Resources shall issue an RFI for consultant services to assist the Department
4 with needs assessment, expertise, and project planning necessary to procure a
5 new Classification and Compensation system.

6 (b) A new Classification and Compensation system shall allow the State to:

7 (1) develop a broader classification system, utilizing fewer job
8 classifications;

9 (2) utilize a more modern, flexible, transparent system for managing job
10 evaluation and placement within the classified system; and

11 (3) provide a contemporary, flexible, easy to understand system for
12 managing pay that effectively combines recognition of competencies,
13 experience or longevity, or both, market parity, and excellence in performance.

14 (c) The Department shall submit a status report to the General Assembly
15 on or before January 31, 2018 that identifies progress in planning for the
16 development and implementation of a new Classification and Compensation
17 system.

18 Sec. E.108.2 3 V.S.A. § 310(a) is amended to read:

19 (a) The Department of Human Resources shall adopt a uniform and
20 equitable plan of classification for each position within State service, now or
21 hereafter created, including positions within the Department of Public Safety,

1 except those positions expressly excluded by section 311 of this title or by
2 other provisions of law. For purposes of internal position alignment and
3 assignment of positions to salary ranges, the plan shall be based upon a ~~point~~
4 ~~factor~~ job content comparison method of job evaluation. As used in this
5 section, “~~point factor~~ job content comparison method” means a system under
6 which positions are assigned to salary ranges based on a scale of values against
7 which job evaluations of individual positions are compared.

8 Sec. E.111 Tax – administration/collection

9 (a) Of this appropriation, \$15,000 is from the Current Use Administration
10 Special Fund established by 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c) and shall be appropriated for
11 programming changes to the CAPTAP software used by municipalities for
12 establishing property values and administering their grand lists.

13 Sec. E.111.1 [DELETED]

14 Sec. E.113 Buildings and general services – engineering

15 (a) The \$3,537,525 interdepartmental transfer in this appropriation shall be
16 from the General Bond Fund appropriation in the Capital Bill of the 2017
17 legislative session.

18 Sec. E.126 2 V.S.A. § 691 is amended to read:

19 § 691. COMMITTEE CREATION

20 There is created a legislative Health Reform Oversight Committee. The
21 Committee shall be composed of the following ~~six~~ eight members:

- 1 (1) the Chair of the House Committee on Appropriations;
- 2 (2) the Chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations;
- 3 (3) the Chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means;
- 4 (4) the Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance;
- 5 (5) the Chair of the House Committee on Health Care; ~~and~~
- 6 (6) the Chair of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare;
- 7 (7) the Chair of the House Committee on Human Services; and
- 8 (8) the Chair of the Senate Committee on Economic Development,

9 Housing and General Affairs.

10 Sec. E.126.1 [DELETED]

11 Sec. E.127 [DELETED]

12 Sec. E.127.1 [DELETED]

13 Sec. E.133 Vermont state retirement system

14 (a) Notwithstanding 3 V.S.A. § 473(d), in fiscal year 2018, investment fees
15 shall be paid from the corpus of the Fund.

16 Sec. E.139 GRAND LIST LITIGATION ASSISTANCE

17 (a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.139 of this act, \$9,000 shall be
18 transferred to the Attorney General and \$26,000 shall be transferred to the
19 Department of Taxes, Division of Property Valuation and Review and reserved
20 and used with any remaining funds from the amount previously transferred for
21 final payment of expenses incurred by the Department or towns in defense of

1 grand list appeals regarding the reappraisals of the hydroelectric plants and
2 other property owned by TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc. in the State of
3 Vermont. Expenditures for this purpose shall be considered qualified
4 expenditures under 16 V.S.A. § 4025(c).

5 Sec. E.142 Payments in lieu of taxes

6 (a) This appropriation is for State payments in lieu of property taxes under
7 32 V.S.A. chapter 123, subchapter 4, and the payments shall be calculated in
8 addition to and without regard to the appropriations for PILOT for Montpelier
9 and for correctional facilities elsewhere in this act. Payments in lieu of taxes
10 under this section shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A.
11 § 3709.

12 (b) Total payments in lieu of property taxes under 32 V.S.A. chapter 123,
13 subchapter 4, in fiscal year 2018 to be paid from the PILOT Special Fund
14 under 32 V.S.A. § 3709 include the appropriation of \$7,600,000 in Sec. B.142
15 of this act, the appropriation of \$184,000 for the City of Montpelier in Sec.
16 B.143 of this act, the appropriation of \$40,000 for correctional facilities in
17 Sec. B.144 of this act, and the appropriation of \$146,000 for the supplemental
18 facility payments from the Department of Corrections to the City of Newport
19 and the Town of Springfield in Sec. B.338 of this act.

20 Sec. E.143 Payments in lieu of taxes – Montpelier

21 (a) Payments in lieu of taxes under this section shall be paid from the

1 PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

2 Sec. E.144 Payments in lieu of taxes – correctional facilities

3 (a) Payments in lieu of taxes under this section shall be paid from the
4 PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

5 * * * PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY * * *

6 Sec. E.200 Attorney general

7 (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the Office of the Attorney
8 General, Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit, is authorized to retain,
9 subject to appropriation, one-half of the State share of any recoveries from
10 Medicaid fraud settlements, excluding interest, that exceed the State share of
11 restitution to the Medicaid Program. All such designated additional recoveries
12 retained shall be used to finance Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit
13 activities.

14 (b) Of the revenue available to the Attorney General under 9 V.S.A.
15 § 2458(b)(4), \$1,115,500 is appropriated in Sec. B.200 of this act.

16 Sec. E.204 REPEAL; EXTENSION

17 (a) 2016 Acts and Resolves No.167, Sec. 2 is amended to read:

18 Sec. 2. REPEAL

19 4 V.S.A. § 38 (Judicial Masters) shall be repealed on July 1, ~~2019~~ 2020.

20 Sec. E.204.1 Vermont Rule of Criminal Procedure 43(a) is amended to read:

21 (a) Presence Required.

1 (1) The defendant shall be present at the arraignment, at any subsequent
2 time at which a plea is offered, at every stage of the trial including the
3 impaneling of the jury and the return of the verdict, and at the imposition of
4 sentence, except as otherwise provided by this rule.

5 (2) Arraignments shall be in person and shall be on the record and shall
6 not be performed by video conferencing or other electronic means unless the
7 defendant consents. Notwithstanding this subdivision, video conferencing
8 may be used to effect the appearance of the defendant at status conferences,
9 calendar calls, and other proceedings where the presence of the defendant is
10 not required by this rule.

11 Sec. E.204.2 [DELETED]

12 Sec. E.207 SHERIFFS' HOURLY PAYMENT PILOT

13 (a)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of 32 V.S.A. § 1591(2)(A) to the
14 contrary, during fiscal years 2018 and 2019 the Executive Director of the
15 Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs shall set rates not to exceed \$22
16 per hour for deputy sheriffs that provide necessary assistance in arresting or
17 transporting prisoners, juveniles, or persons with mental illness. In addition to
18 the rate established in this subdivision, a sheriff's department shall be
19 reimbursed for the actual costs for Social Security and Medicare taxes,
20 workers' compensation premiums, unemployment contributions, and other
21 reasonable expenses, provided the costs are attributable to the services

1 provided, documented in a manner required by the Executive Director, and
2 approved by the Executive Director.

3 (2) A law enforcement officer shall not receive compensation pursuant
4 to this subsection if otherwise compensated for the hours during which
5 transportation services are performed.

6 (3) The amounts paid pursuant to this subsection shall not exceed
7 \$441,688 in fiscal year 2018 or 2019.

8 (b) On or before January 15, 2019, the Executive Director of the
9 Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs shall submit a written report to
10 the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary and on Appropriations as to the
11 actual monies spent pursuant to this section, the impact on prison transport and
12 the Departmental budget, and any specific recommendations for statutory
13 changes and budget expenditures for the following fiscal years.

14 Sec. E.208 Public safety – administration

15 (a) The Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized to enter into a
16 performance-based contract with the Essex County Sheriff's Department to
17 provide law enforcement service activities agreed upon by both the
18 Commissioner of Public Safety and the Sheriff.

19 Sec. E.209 Public safety – state police

20 (a) Of this appropriation, \$35,000 in special funds shall be available for
21 snowmobile law enforcement activities and \$35,000 in general funds shall be

1 available to the Southern Vermont Wilderness Search and Rescue Team, which
2 comprises State Police, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, county sheriffs,
3 and local law enforcement personnel in Bennington, Windham, and Windsor
4 Counties, for snowmobile enforcement.

5 (b) Of this appropriation, \$405,000 is allocated for grants in support of the
6 Drug Task Force and the Gang Task Force. Of this amount, \$190,000 shall be
7 used by the Vermont Drug Task Force to fund three town task force officers.
8 These town task force officers shall be dedicated to enforcement efforts with
9 respect to both regulated drugs as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 4201(29) and the
10 diversion of legal prescription drugs. Any unobligated funds may be allocated
11 by the Commissioner to fund the work of the Drug Task Force and to support
12 the efforts of the Mobile Enforcement Team (Gang Task Force), or carried
13 forward.

14 Sec. E.212 Public safety – fire safety

15 (a) Of this General Fund appropriation, \$55,000 shall be granted to the
16 Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the purpose of designing dry
17 hydrants.

18 Sec. E.215 Military – administration

19 (a) The amount of \$250,000 shall be disbursed to the Vermont Student
20 Assistance Corporation for the National Guard Educational Assistance
21 Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2856. Of this amount, \$100,000 shall be

1 general funds from this appropriation, and \$150,000 shall be Next Generation
2 special funds, as appropriated in Sec. B.1100(a)(3)(B) of this act.

3 Sec. E.219 Military – veterans’ affairs

4 (a) Of this appropriation, \$1,000 shall be used for continuation of the
5 Vermont Medal Program; \$4,800 shall be used for the expenses of the
6 Governor’s Veterans’ Advisory Council; \$7,500 shall be used for the Veterans
7 Day parade; \$5,000 shall be used for the Military, Family, and Community
8 Network; and \$10,000 shall be granted to the American Legion for the Boys’
9 State and Girls’ State programs.

10 (b) Of this General Fund appropriation, \$39,484 shall be deposited into the
11 Armed Services Scholarship Fund established in 16 V.S.A. § 2541.

12 Sec. E.220 Center for crime victim services

13 (a) Notwithstanding 20 V.S.A. § 2365(c), the Vermont Center for Crime
14 Victim Services shall transfer \$39,895 from the Domestic and Sexual Violence
15 Special Fund established in 13 V.S.A. § 5360 to the Criminal Justice Training
16 Council for the purpose of funding one-half of the costs of the Domestic
17 Violence Trainer position. The other half of the position will be funded with
18 an appropriation to the Criminal Justice Training Council.

19 Sec. E.224 Agriculture, food and markets – agricultural development

20 (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.224 of this act, the amount of
21 \$805,352 in general funds is appropriated for expenditure by the Vermont

1 Working Lands Enterprise Board established in 6 V.S.A. § 4606 for
2 administrative expenses, and investments in food and forest system businesses
3 and service providers pursuant to 6 V.S.A. § 4607 and consistent with the
4 funding priorities in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 142, Sec. 5, as amended by
5 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.224.1.

6 Sec. E.233 ENERGY PLANNING SUPPORT; ALLOCATION OF COSTS

7 (a) During fiscal year 2018, the Commissioner of Public Service, in
8 consultation with the Commissioner of Housing and Community
9 Development, shall award the amount of \$300,000 to regional planning
10 commissions established under 24 V.S.A. chapter 117 and to municipalities for
11 the purpose of providing training under 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 174.

12 (b) In awarding funds under this section, the Commissioners shall consider
13 the need and size of a municipality or region and the availability, if any, of
14 other assistance, expertise, or funds to a municipality or region to implement
15 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 174.

16 (c) The Commissioner of Public Service shall allocate costs under
17 subsection (a) of this section to the electric distribution utilities subject to its
18 supervision under Title 30 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated based on their
19 pro rata share of total Vermont retail kilowatt-hour sales for the previous fiscal
20 year. Each of these utilities shall pay its allocation into the State Treasury at
21 such time and in such manner as the Commissioner may direct.

1 Sec. E.234 [DELETED]

2 Sec. E.237 LIQUOR CONTROL WAREHOUSE; PRIVATIZATION;
3 MORATORIUM

4 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Liquor
5 Control Board and the Commissioner of Liquor Control shall not, prior to
6 fiscal year 2019, enter into a privatization contract, as defined in 3 V.S.A.
7 § 341, for the operation of the Liquor Control warehouse.

8 Sec. E.237.1 LOCAL AGENCY STORES; REQUIREMENTS

9 (a) Between July 1, 2017 and December 31, 2018, the Liquor Control
10 Board and the Department of Liquor Control shall not spend more for the
11 purchase of new or replacement signs and displays for local agency stores than
12 the amount of any increase in the budgeted revenues from sales of spirits and
13 fortified wines from fiscal year 2016 to fiscal year 2017.

14 (b) On or before January 15, 2019, the Commissioner of Liquor Control
15 shall submit to the House Committees on Appropriations and on General,
16 Housing and Military Affairs and the Senate Committees on Appropriations
17 and on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs a written report
18 that specifies the amount by which revenues from sales of spirits and fortified
19 wines increased from fiscal year 2016 to fiscal year 2017, and any
20 expenditures made by the Board or the Department for the purchase of new or
21 replacement signs and displays for local agency stores.

1 (c) The Board and the Department shall not require any local agency store
2 to purchase or otherwise pay for any new or replacement signs and displays
3 between July 1, 2017 and December 31, 2018.

4 * * * HUMAN SERVICES * * *

5 Sec. E.300 DEPOSIT AND USE OF MASTER SETTLEMENT FUND

6 (a) Deposit of Master Tobacco Settlement receipts and appropriations of
7 Tobacco Settlement funds in fiscal year 2018 are made, notwithstanding
8 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. D.104.

9 Sec. E.300.1 POSITION TRANSFER

10 (a) The Director of Health Care Reform established in 2011 Acts and
11 Resolves No. 48, Sec. 3b(e) is transferred from the Agency of Administration
12 to the Agency of Human Services.

13 Sec. E.300.2 3 V.S.A. § 3027 is added to read:

14 § 3027. HEALTH CARE SYSTEM REFORM; IMPROVING QUALITY
15 AND AFFORDABILITY

16 The Director of Health Care Reform in the Agency of Human Services shall
17 be responsible for the coordination of health care system reform efforts among
18 Executive Branch agencies, departments, and offices, and for coordinating
19 with the Green Mountain Care Board established in 18 V.S.A. chapter 220.

20 Sec. E.300.3 18 V.S.A. § 9491(a) is amended to read:

21 (a) The ~~director of health care reform~~ Director of Health Care Reform in

1 the ~~agency of administration~~ Agency of Human Services shall oversee the
2 development of a current health care workforce development strategic plan
3 that continues efforts to ensure that Vermont has the health care workforce
4 necessary to provide care to all Vermont residents. The ~~director of health care~~
5 ~~reform~~ Director of Health Care Reform may designate an entity responsible for
6 convening meetings and for preparing the draft strategic plan. The Green
7 Mountain Care ~~board~~ Board established in chapter 220 of this title shall review
8 the draft strategic plan and shall approve the final plan and any subsequent
9 modifications.

10 Sec. E.300.4 18 V.S.A. § 9602(a) is amended to read:

11 (a) The Agency of ~~Administration~~ Human Services shall ~~establish~~ maintain
12 the Office of the Health Care Advocate by contract with any nonprofit
13 organization.

14 Sec. E. 300.5 18 V.S.A. § 9607(b)(3) is amended to read:

15 (3) The Green Mountain Care Board shall administer the bill back
16 authority created in this subsection on behalf of the Agency of ~~Administration~~
17 Human Services in support of the Agency's contract with the Office of the
18 Health Care Advocate pursuant to section 9602 of this title to carry out the
19 duties set forth in this chapter.

20 Sec. E.300.6 18 V.S.A. § 9603(c) is amended to read:

21 (c) The Office of the Health Care Advocate shall be able to speak on behalf

1 of the interests of health care and health insurance consumers and to carry out
2 all duties prescribed in this chapter without being subject to any retaliatory
3 action; provided, however, that nothing in this subsection shall limit the
4 authority of the Agency of ~~Administration~~ Human Services to enforce the
5 terms of the contract.

6 Sec. E.300.7 18 V.S.A. § 9604 is amended to read:

7 § 9604. DUTIES OF STATE AGENCIES

8 All State agencies shall comply with reasonable requests from the Office of
9 the Health Care Advocate for information and assistance. The Agency of
10 ~~Administration~~ Human Services may adopt rules necessary to ensure the
11 cooperation of State agencies under this section.

12 Sec. E.300.8 FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE HEALTH CARE

13 ADVOCATE

14 (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.300 of this act, \$1,457,406 shall be
15 used for the contract with the Office of the Health Care Advocate.

16 Sec. E.300.9 [DELETED]

17 Sec. E.300.10 [DELETED]

18 Sec. E.300.11 [DELETED]

19 Sec. E.300.12 [DELETED]

20 Sec. E.300.13 [DELETED]

21 Sec. E.300.14 REPEALS

1 initiatives, reduce duplication of efforts, and ensure that care coordination
2 services are delivered in a consistent manner in order to achieve the best
3 results for Vermonters and to use resources efficiently.

4 Sec. E.300.17 COMMUNITY GRANT INVENTORY AND
5 PRIORITIZATION

6 (a) On or before January 1, 2018, the Secretary of Human Services shall
7 submit a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations
8 identifying grants to community partners funded by the General Fund, special
9 funds, or Global Commitment. The report shall prioritize the grants and
10 specify whether the grant provides a match required for federal funding other
11 than Medicaid. The report shall also provide the impact of reducing the
12 funding level of any grants in terms of:

- 13 (1) impacts on the safety and welfare of vulnerable Vermont residents;
14 (2) impacts on the Agency's other community partners;
15 (3) how a reduction fits within existing statutory guidelines; and
16 (4) minimizing or avoiding any shift in cost to another department or
17 program of the Agency of Human Services, to another agency or program of
18 State government, or to local government or public schools caused by a grant
19 reduction.

20 Sec. E.301 Secretary's office – Global Commitment

21 (a) The Agency of Human Services shall use the funds appropriated in

1 Sec. B.301 of this act for payment of the actuarially certified premium
2 required under the intergovernmental agreement between the Agency of
3 Human Services and the managed care entity, the Department of Vermont
4 Health Access, as provided for in the Global Commitment for Health Waiver
5 (Global Commitment) approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
6 Services under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

7 (b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in this section, a total
8 estimated sum of \$26,452,991 is anticipated to be certified as State matching
9 funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

10 (1) \$23,371,400 certified State match available from local education
11 agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under
12 the Global Commitment. This amount combined with \$27,128,600 of federal
13 funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act equals a total estimated
14 expenditure of \$50,500,000. An amount equal to the amount of the federal
15 matching funds for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services
16 under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment
17 Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund created in 16 V.S.A.
18 § 2959a.

19 (2) \$3,081,591 certified State match available from local designated
20 mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health
21 services provided under Global Commitment.

1 Sec. E.301.1 FISCAL YEAR 2018 UNENCUMBERED GENERAL FUND

2 APPROPRIATION

3 (a) At the close of fiscal year 2018, an amount up to \$10,000,000 of any
4 unencumbered General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.301 of this act that would
5 otherwise be authorized to carry forward shall revert to the General Fund and
6 be reserved in the Human Services Caseload Management Reserve established
7 in 32 V.S.A. § 308b.

8 Sec. E.306 VERMONT HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE RULES

9 (a) The Agency of Human Services may adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A.
10 chapter 25 to conform Vermont's rules regarding health care eligibility and
11 enrollment and the operation of the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange to
12 federal guidance and regulations. The Agency may use the emergency rules
13 process pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844 prior to June 30, 2018, but only in the
14 event that new federal guidance or regulations require Vermont to amend or
15 adopt its rules in a time frame that cannot be accomplished under the
16 traditional rule-making process. An emergency rule adopted under these
17 exigent circumstances shall be deemed to meet the standard for the adoption of
18 emergency rules required pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844(a).

19 Sec. E.306.1 33 V.S.A. § 1998(f)(3) is amended to read:

20 (3) To the extent feasible, the Board shall review all drug classes
21 included in the preferred drug list at least every ~~12~~ 24 months and may

1 recommend that the Commissioner make additions to or deletions from the
2 preferred drug list.

3 Sec. E.306.2 MEDICAID PAYMENT ALIGNMENT

4 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that alignment of the various
5 Medicaid provider payments, as funded in this act, support access to primary
6 care, including access to independent primary care practices and mental health
7 services statewide.

8 (b) In order to accomplish this, the Department of Vermont Health Access
9 is authorized to make adjustments and transfers within the related appropriated
10 amounts of fiscal year 2018 general funds for these line items in the aggregate
11 as follows:

12 (1) Adjust the total DSH amount to a level no lower than \$27,488,781.

13 (2) Set a specific limit for annual DSH payments to an in-state academic
14 postgraduate teaching facility within the DSH formula.

15 (3) Review and adjust current facility-based payments, and specifically
16 evaluate any Medicaid payments that are above the payment from Medicare
17 for the same service in order to further enhance primary care payments in
18 fiscal year 2018.

19 (c) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall report to the Joint
20 Fiscal Committee in September and November 2017 on any adjustments and
21 transfers made under this authority.

1 Sec. E.306.3 33 V.S.A. § 1811(d) is amended to read:

2 (d) A registered carrier shall guarantee acceptance of all individuals, small
3 employers, and employees of small employers, and each dependent of such
4 individuals and employees, for any health benefit plan offered by the carrier,
5 regardless of any outstanding premium amount a subscriber may owe to the
6 carrier for coverage provided during the previous plan year.

7 Sec. E.307 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 79, Sec. 53(d), as amended by 2014
8 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.307, as amended by 2015 Acts and
9 Resolves No. 58, Sec. E.307, as amended by 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172,
10 Sec. E.307.3, is further amended to read:

11 (d) Secs. 31 (Healthy Vermonters) and 32 (VPharm) shall take effect on
12 January 1, 2014, except that the Agency of Human Services may continue to
13 calculate household income under the rules of the Vermont Health Access Plan
14 after that date if the system for calculating modified adjusted gross income for
15 the Healthy Vermonters and VPharm programs is not operational by that date,
16 but ~~no~~ not later than December 31, ~~2017~~ 2018.

17 Sec. E.308 NURSING HOME MEDICAID RATES; CASE-MIX SCORES

18 (a) In order to ensure that eligible Vermont Medicaid beneficiaries have
19 access to high-quality care nursing home services, the Commissioner of
20 Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living and the Director of the Division of
21 Rate Setting in the Agency of Human Services shall review the Medicaid case-

1 mix scores of nursing homes in Vermont in order to:

2 (1) determine their overall effectiveness in allocating Medicaid funds to
3 nursing homes fairly; and

4 (2) assess the extent to which the case-mix scores adequately and
5 appropriately reimburse nursing homes for caring for patients who exhibit
6 challenging behaviors but who have little or no need for assistance with
7 activities of daily living.

8 (b) The Commissioner and Director shall provide the findings from their
9 assessment and any recommended changes to nursing home rate calculations to
10 the House Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human
11 Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and
12 Welfare as part of the Agency of Human Services' fiscal year 2019 budget.

13 Sec. E.308.1 CHOICES FOR CARE

14 (a) In the Choices for Care program, "savings" means the difference
15 remaining at the conclusion of fiscal year 2017 between the amount of funds
16 appropriated for Choices for Care, excluding allocations for the provision of
17 acute care services, and the sum of expended and obligated funds, less an
18 amount equal to one percent of the fiscal year 2017 total Choices for Care
19 expenditure. The one percent shall function as a reserve to be used in the
20 event of a fiscal need to freeze Moderate Needs Group enrollment. Savings
21 shall be calculated by the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent

1 Living and reported to the Joint Fiscal Office.

2 (1) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of
3 Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living only obligate funds for
4 expenditures approved under current law.

5 (b)(1) Any funds appropriated for long-term care under the Choices for
6 Care program shall be used for long-term services and supports to recipients.
7 In using these funds, the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent
8 Living shall give priority for services to individuals assessed as having high
9 and highest needs and meeting the terms and conditions of the Choices for
10 Care program within the Global Commitment waiver.

11 (2)(A) First priority for the use of any savings from the long-term care
12 appropriation after the needs of all individuals meeting the terms and
13 conditions of the waiver have been met shall be given to home- and
14 community-based services.

15 (B) Savings either shall be one-time investments or shall be used in
16 ways that are sustainable into the future.

17 (C) The Department may allocate savings between home- and
18 community-based provider rates, base funding to expand capacity to
19 accommodate additional enrollees in home- and community-based services,
20 and equitable funding of adult day providers, including whether some amount,
21 up to 20 percent of the total savings, should be used to increase provider rates.

1 The Department shall provide a report to the House Committee on Human
2 Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare on the use of
3 savings.

4 (D) Savings may also be used for quality improvement purposes in
5 nursing homes but shall not be used to increase nursing home rates under
6 33 V.S.A. § 905.

7 (E) The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living
8 shall not reduce the base funding needed in a subsequent fiscal year prior to
9 calculating savings for the current fiscal year.

10 (c) The Department, in collaboration with Choices for Care participants,
11 participants' families, and long-term care providers, shall conduct an
12 assessment of the adequacy of the provider system for delivery of home- and
13 community-based services and nursing home services. On or before
14 October 1, 2017, the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent
15 Living shall report the results of this assessment to the House Committees on
16 Appropriations and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on
17 Appropriations and on Health and Welfare in order to inform the reinvestment
18 of savings during the budget adjustment process.

19 (d) The Commissioner shall determine how to allocate any Choices for
20 Care program savings available at the end of fiscal year 2017 and shall report
21 to the Joint Fiscal Committee at the regularly scheduled September 2017

1 meeting on these allocations.

2 (e) Concurrent with the procedures set forth in 32 V.S.A. § 305a, the Joint
3 Fiscal Office and the Secretary of Administration shall provide to the
4 Emergency Board their respective estimates of caseloads and expenditures for
5 programs under the Choices for Care program.

6 Sec. E.308.2 CODIFICATION OF CHOICES FOR CARE ANNUAL

7 SAVINGS

8 (a) The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall
9 make a recommendation to codify the process of determining, allocating, and
10 dispensing any Choices for Care annual savings with its fiscal year 2019
11 budget presentation.

12 Sec. E.310 [DELETED]

13 Sec. E.312 Health – public health

14 (a) AIDS/HIV funding:

15 (1) In fiscal year 2018 and as provided in this section, the Department
16 of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$475,000 in AIDS Medication
17 Rebates special funds to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support
18 organizations for client-based support services. The Department of Health
19 AIDS Program shall meet at least quarterly with the Community Advisory
20 Group (CAG) with current information and data relating to service initiatives.
21 The funds shall be allocated according to an RFP process.

1 (2) Ryan White Title II funds for AIDS services and the Vermont
2 Medication Assistance Program (VMAP) shall be distributed in accordance
3 with federal guidelines. The federal guidelines shall not apply to programs or
4 services funded solely by State general funds.

5 (3)(A) The Secretary of Human Services shall immediately notify the
6 Joint Fiscal Committee if at any time there are insufficient funds in VMAP to
7 assist all eligible individuals. The Secretary shall work in collaboration with
8 persons living with HIV/AIDS to develop a plan to continue access to VMAP
9 medications until such time as the General Assembly can take action.

10 (B) As provided in this section, the Secretary of Human Services
11 shall work in collaboration with the VMAP Advisory Committee, which shall
12 be composed of not less than 50 percent of members who are living with
13 HIV/AIDS. If a modification to the program's eligibility requirements or
14 benefit coverage is considered, the Committee shall make recommendations
15 regarding the program's formulary of approved medication, related laboratory
16 testing, nutritional supplements, and eligibility for the program.

17 (4) In fiscal year 2018, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
18 the amount of \$100,000 in general funds to Vermont AIDS service
19 organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers for
20 community-based HIV prevention programs and services. These funds shall
21 be used for HIV/AIDS prevention purposes, including syringe exchange

1 programs; improving the availability of confidential and anonymous HIV
2 testing; prevention work with at-risk groups such as women, intravenous drug
3 users, and people of color; and anti-stigma campaigns. Not more than
4 15 percent of the funds may be used for the administration of such services by
5 the recipients of these funds. The method by which these prevention funds is
6 distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of
7 Health and the Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont
8 HIV/AIDS prevention providers.

9 (5) In fiscal year 2018, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
10 the amount of \$150,000 in general funds to Vermont AIDS service
11 organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers for syringe
12 exchange programs. The method by which these prevention funds is
13 distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of
14 Health, the Vermont AIDS service organizations, and other Vermont
15 HIV/AIDS prevention providers. The performance period for these grants will
16 be State fiscal year 2018. Grant reporting shall include outcomes and results.

17 (b) Improving outcomes for pregnant women:

18 (1) Statistics from the Department of Health indicate that rates of
19 women who smoke during pregnancy in Vermont are approximately twice the
20 national average. Although the rates of pregnant women who smoke in
21 Vermont decreased slightly between 2009 and 2014, there is an opportunity to

1 make additional progress on this very important health indicator. The
2 Commissioner shall prioritize funding for tobacco cessation to address the
3 rates of smoking among pregnant women by utilizing evidence-based best
4 practices. Not less than \$50,000 of the funding for tobacco cessation and
5 prevention activities in fiscal year 2018 shall be used to implement or expand
6 evidence-based interventions intended to reduce tobacco use among pregnant
7 women. The Commissioner shall report on the specific expenditure of this
8 allocation by functional activity as part of the fiscal year 2019 budget
9 presentation to the General Assembly.

10 (2) In consultation with Hunger Free Vermont and representatives from
11 community food shelf or nutrition focused organizations, prenatal and
12 postnatal health care providers, and child care providers, the Commissioner of
13 Health shall develop and implement an outreach plan to Vermonters who are
14 eligible but not enrolled in the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program.

15 (3) The Commissioner shall report to the House Committees on
16 Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on
17 Appropriations and on Health and Welfare during fiscal year 2019 budget
18 testimony on the progress made toward reducing the rates of pregnant women
19 who smoke during pregnancy and improving the number of eligible WIC
20 clients who enroll for services.

21 Sec. E.314 TRANSPORTING PATIENTS

1 (a) Beginning on July 1, 2017, any new or renewed contracts entered into
2 by the Agency of Human Services with designated professionals or law
3 enforcement officers for transport of persons pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 7511 or
4 the transport of children pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 5123 shall include the
5 requirement to comply with the Agency's policies on the use of restraints.

6 Sec. E.314.1 DESIGNATED AND SPECIALIZED SERVICE AGENCY

7 EMPLOYEE WAGES

8 (a) A total of \$8,370,000 appropriated in Secs. B.314 (Mental Health) and
9 B.333 (Developmental Services) shall be used to increase payments to the
10 designated and specialized service agencies in fiscal year 2018.

11 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that funds allocated in
12 subsection (a) of this section for increased payments to the designated and
13 specialized service agencies in fiscal year 2018 be used to fund or offset the
14 costs of increasing the hourly wages of workers to \$14 and to increase the
15 salaries for crisis response and crisis bed personnel in a manner that advances
16 the goal of achieving competitive compensation to regionally equivalent State,
17 health care, or school-based positions of equal skills, credentials, and lengths
18 of employment. It is the sole responsibility of each individual designated and
19 specialized service agency to use the revenue from increased Medicaid
20 payments allocated in subsection (a) of this section to fund increases to worker
21 salaries.

1 (c) To the extent that sufficient funds are unavailable to further the
2 purposes of this section, the designated and specialized service agencies, in
3 consultation with the Departments of Mental Health and of Disabilities, Aging,
4 and Independent Living, shall reduce services or other operations in proportion
5 to the amount necessary to achieve increased hourly wages. The funding of
6 crisis services shall remain a priority and shall not be compromised as a result
7 of other necessary reductions in services.

8 Sec. E.314.2 FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGETING FOR DESIGNATED AND
9 SPECIALIZED SERVICE AGENCIES

10 (a) The Secretary of Human Services, in consultation with the Departments
11 of Mental Health and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, shall
12 estimate the levels of funding necessary to sustain the designated and
13 specialized service agencies' workforce, including increases in the hourly
14 wages of workers to \$15, and to increase the salaries for clinical employees
15 and other personnel in a manner that advances the goal of achieving
16 competitive compensation to regionally equivalent State, health care, or
17 school-based positions of equal skills, credentials, and lengths of employment;
18 enable the designated and specialized service agencies to meet their statutorily
19 mandated responsibilities and required outcomes; identify the required
20 outcomes; and establish recommended levels of increased funding for
21 inclusion in the fiscal year 2019 budget.

1 evaluation criteria. Notice shall be given to clients affected by a pilot program
2 and to the chairs of the House Committee on Human Services and Senate
3 Committee on Health and Welfare prior to the commencement of the pilot
4 program, including a description of how benefit delivery will be affected,
5 length of the program, and right to a fair hearing.

6 (c) On or before January 15, 2019, the Commissioner shall submit a report
7 to the House Committee on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on
8 Health and Welfare summarizing the pilot programs implemented pursuant to
9 this section and any findings and recommendations. In the event a particular
10 pilot program is successful at improving the delivery of services to clients, the
11 Commissioner may seek to amend the Division's rules in conformity with the
12 approach used by the pilot program pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25.

13 Sec. E.317 USE OF RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES

14 (a) At a November 2017 meeting of the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight
15 Committee and Joint Legislative Child Protection Oversight Committee, the
16 Commissioner for Children and Families with the assistance of the
17 Departments of Mental Health and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent
18 Living and the Agency of Education shall present a report on the use of out-of-
19 state and in-state residential placements, including Woodside. The report shall
20 include the following:

21 (1) utilization for fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017, including the

1 number and age of children placed by facility and the total bed days utilized.

2 (2) for each facility, the average daily costs for specific levels of service
3 or treatment acuity in fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017 and the total amount
4 paid to each facility by department and by funding source in fiscal years 2015,
5 2016, and 2017.

6 (3) measures used by the Department to determine outcomes for the
7 children placed in these facilities and the cost effectiveness of these facilities,
8 including length of stay, intensity of services provided, reunification of
9 children with their family or home community, or both, relapse or
10 readmittance rates or subsequent involvement with the criminal justice system,
11 or both; and

12 (4) the specific steps taken over the past three years by the Departments
13 and the Agency to increase community-based supports for youths in custody
14 while reducing use of residential care.

15 (b) The report shall also be provided to the House Committees on
16 Appropriations, on Judiciary, on Human Services, and on Corrections and
17 Institutions and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Judiciary, on
18 Health and Welfare, and on Institutions.

19 Sec. E.318 EARLY CARE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDING

20 (a) Of the additional \$2,500,000 in general funds appropriated in

21 Sec. B.318 of this act:

1 (1) an amount shall be allocated as needed to bring the baseline year
2 used to determine eligibility for the Child Care Financial Assistance Program
3 from the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) that was in place in 2016 to the 2017
4 FPL, which is the most current FPL for State fiscal year 2018; and

5 (2) the remaining amount shall be used for the Early Care and
6 Development program as specified in Sec. E.318.1 of this act.

7 Sec. E.318.1 EARLY CARE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT

8 (a) In fiscal year 2018 and thereafter, the Department for Children and
9 Families shall award 70 percent of funds designated for the Early Care and
10 Development Program Grants to center-based child care and preschool
11 programs participating in the Step Ahead Recognition System (STARS) and 30
12 percent of the designated funds to family child care homes participating in
13 STARS in accordance with the formula described in subsection (b) of this
14 section.

15 (b) The Department's Child Development Division shall calculate
16 eligibility for Early Care and Development Program Grants on a quarterly
17 basis. In determining eligibility, the Division shall consider:

18 (1) the percent of enrollees receiving a Child Care Financial Assistance
19 Program (CCFAP) subsidy as compared to a center-based child care and
20 preschool program of a family child care home's licensed capacity at a weight
21 of 70 percent;

1 (2) the average number of enrollees at a center-based child care and
2 preschool program or family child care home receiving a CCFAP subsidy at a
3 weight of 15 percent; and

4 (3) the average number of infants and toddlers enrolled in a center-
5 based child care and preschool program or family child care home at a weight
6 of 15 percent.

7 (c) The Division shall provide Early Care and Development Program
8 Grants to eligible child care and preschool programs or family child care
9 homes as funds allow. Center-based child care and preschool programs or
10 family child care homes receiving Early Care and Development Program
11 Grants shall remain in compliance with the Department's rules, continue
12 participation in STARS, and maintain high enrollment of children receiving a
13 CCFAP subsidy.

14 Sec. E.321 HOUSING ASSISTANCE BENEFITS; FLEXIBILITY

15 PROGRAM; COMMUNITY BASED ALTERNATIVES TO

16 GENERAL ASSISTANCE TEMPORARY HOUSING

17 (a) For fiscal year 2018, the Agency of Human Services may continue to
18 fund housing assistance programs within the General Assistance program to
19 create flexibility to provide General Assistance benefits, as well as grants to
20 support the establishment of community-based alternatives for temporary
21 housing as part of the effort to reduce the number of individuals temporarily

1 housed by the General Assistance program. The purpose of these housing
2 assistance programs and community-based alternatives is to mitigate poverty
3 and serve applicants more effectively than they are currently being served with
4 General Assistance funds. Eligible activities shall include, among other
5 things, the provision of shelter, overflow shelter, case management,
6 transitional housing, deposits, down payments, rental assistance, upstream
7 prevention, and related services that ensure that all Vermonters have access to
8 shelter, housing, and the services they need to become safely housed. The
9 Agency may award grants to homeless and housing service providers for
10 eligible activities. Where such housing assistance programs and grants are
11 provided and community-based programs are established, the General
12 Assistance rules will not apply. The assistance provided under this section is
13 not an entitlement and may be discontinued when the appropriation has been
14 fully spent.

15 (b) The housing assistance and community-based programs may operate in
16 up to 12 districts designated by the Secretary of Human Services. The Agency
17 shall establish goals and procedures for evaluating the program overall,
18 including performance measures that demonstrate program results, and for
19 each district in which the Agency operates the program, it shall establish
20 procedures for evaluating the district program and its effects.

21 (c) The Agency shall continue to engage interested parties, including both

1 statewide organizations and local agencies, in the design, implementation, and
2 evaluation of housing assistance programs and community-based alternatives
3 to General Assistance temporary housing.

4 Sec. E.321.1 GENERAL ASSISTANCE HOUSING

5 (a) Funds appropriated to the Agency of Human Services in the General
6 Assistance program in fiscal year 2018 may be used for temporary housing in
7 catastrophic situations and for vulnerable populations, as defined in rules
8 adopted by the Agency. The Commissioner for Children and Families may, by
9 policy, provide temporary housing for a limited duration in adverse weather
10 conditions when appropriate shelter space is not available.

11 Sec. E.321.2 33 V.S.A. § 2115 is amended to read:

12 § 2115. GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REPORT

13 On or before ~~January 15~~ September 1 of each year, the Commissioner for
14 Children and Families shall submit a written report to the Joint Fiscal
15 Committee; the House Committees on Appropriations, on General, Housing
16 and Military Affairs, and on Human Services; and the Senate Committees on
17 Appropriations and on Health and Welfare containing: The report shall
18 contain the following:

19 (1) an evaluation of the General Assistance program during the previous
20 fiscal year;

21 (2) any recommendations for changes to the program; ~~and~~

1 (3) a plan for continued implementation of the program;

2 (4) statewide statistics using deidentified data related to the use of
3 emergency housing vouchers during the preceding State fiscal year, including
4 demographic information, client data, shelter and motel usage rates, clients'
5 primary stated cause of homelessness, average lengths of stay in emergency
6 housing by demographic group and by type of housing; and

7 (5) other information the Commissioner deems appropriate.

8 Sec. E.324 LIHEAP AND WEATHERIZATION

9 (a) Notwithstanding 33 V.S.A. § 2501, in fiscal year 2018, the Secretary of
10 Administration may, upon recommendation of the Secretary of Human
11 Services, transfer up to 15 percent of the federal fiscal year 2018 federal Low
12 Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) block grant from the
13 federal funds appropriation in Sec. B.324 of this act to the Home
14 Weatherization Assistance appropriation in Sec. B.326 of this act to be used
15 for weatherization in State fiscal year 2018. An equivalent appropriation
16 transfer shall be made to Sec. B.324 of this act, Low Income Home Energy
17 Assistance Program, from the Home Weatherization Assistance Fund in
18 Sec. B.326 of this act to provide home heating fuel benefits in State fiscal year
19 2018. At least three days prior to any such transfer being made, the Secretary
20 of Administration shall report the intended transfer to the Joint Fiscal Office
21 and shall report any completed transfers to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its

1 next meeting.

2 Sec. E.324.1 EXPEDITED CRISIS FUEL ASSISTANCE

3 (a) The Commissioner for Children and Families or designee may
4 authorize crisis fuel assistance to those income-eligible households that have
5 applied for an expedited seasonal fuel benefit but have not yet received it, if
6 the benefit cannot be executed in time to prevent them from running out of
7 fuel. The crisis fuel grants authorized pursuant to this section count toward the
8 one crisis fuel grant allowed per household for the winter heating season
9 pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 2609(b).

10 Sec. E.325 Department for children and families – office of economic
11 opportunity

12 (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.325 of this act, \$1,092,000
13 shall be granted to community agencies for homeless assistance by preserving
14 existing services, increasing services, or increasing resources available
15 statewide. These funds may be granted alone or in conjunction with federal
16 Emergency Solutions Grants funds. Grant decisions shall be made with
17 assistance from the Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness.

18 Sec. E.326 Department for children and families – OEO – weatherization
19 assistance

20 (a) Of the Special Fund appropriation in Sec. B.326 of this act, \$750,000 is
21 for the replacement and repair of home heating equipment.

1 Sec. E.327 WOODSIDE GLOBAL COMMITMENT FUNDING

2 (a) Upon any notification by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
3 Services or upon determination by the Agency of Human Services that
4 Medicaid funding will not be available to the State for the operation of
5 Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Center in fiscal year 2018, the Secretary of
6 Human Services and the Commissioner for Children and Families shall:

7 (1) immediately inform the Joint Fiscal Committee, the House and Senate
8 Committees on Judiciary, the House Committee on Corrections and
9 Institutions, and the Senate Committee on Institutions of such notification or
10 determination; and

11 (2) within 30 days of such notification or determination, develop and
12 submit a proposal to the Committees named in subdivision (1) of this
13 subsection that includes:

14 (A) a plan to suspend operations at the Woodside facility while
15 ensuring alternative placements are made that meet the service needs for the
16 delinquent youths currently placed there; and

17 (B) a fiscal impact analysis that includes fiscal year 2018 and long
18 term fiscal cost estimates.

19 Sec. E.335 ELECTRONIC MONITORING

20 (a) The Commissioner of Corrections shall implement an active electronic
21 monitoring program with real-time enforcement. The Commissioner of

1 Corrections, in consultation with the Department of State's Attorneys and
2 Sheriffs, may contract with a third party to electronically monitor offender
3 positioning.

4 (b) The Electronic Monitoring Program described in subsection (a) of this
5 section may be used to monitor, in lieu of incarcerating in a facility, the
6 following populations:

7 (1) offenders in the custody of the Commissioner who are eligible for
8 the Home Detention Program described in 13 V.S.A. § 7554b; and

9 (2) offenders in the custody of the Commissioner, including the
10 following target populations:

11 (A) offenders who are eligible for home confinement furlough, as
12 described in 28 V.S.A. § 808b;

13 (B) offenders who are past their minimum sentence and are deemed
14 appropriate for the Program by the Commissioner of Corrections; or

15 (C) offenders who are eligible for reintegration furlough, as
16 described in 28 V.S.A. § 808c.

17 (c) An offender shall only be eligible for the Electronic Monitoring
18 Program described in subsection (a) of this section if electronic monitoring
19 equipment is fully functional in the geographic area where the offender will be
20 located.

21 Sec. E.335.1 SOUTHEAST STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

1 (a) Plan. Funding for the Department of Corrections reflects the cessation
2 of operation of the Southeast State Correctional Facility. It is the intent of the
3 General Assembly that the Department develop a plan to provide secure
4 transitional housing for inmates preparing to reenter the community, including
5 the reuse of the Southeast State Correctional Facility for this purpose.

6 (b) Population. It is the intent of the General Assembly that a reentry
7 facility be available for the following populations:

8 (1) inmates on the Lack of Housing (B1) list;

9 (2) moderate- to high-risk inmates who are either past their minimum
10 release date or within 90 days of their release date;

11 (3) inmates who are eligible for reintegration furlough; and

12 (4) inmates who have served a significant sentence and are within six
13 months of their release date.

14 (c) Services. It is the intent of the General Assembly that a reentry facility
15 provides the following prerelease services:

16 (1) acquisition of identification;

17 (2) housing identification;

18 (3) employment readiness and retention;

19 (4) planning to address transportation barriers;

20 (5) money management;

21 (6) transition and reentry case planning;

1 (7) substance abuse treatment;

2 (8) work release; and

3 (9) information technology skills development.

4 (d) Coordination of services. The Department of Corrections shall
5 coordinate with the community justice centers statewide and the Department of
6 Labor to ensure inmates successfully transition back to society.

7 (e) Report. The Department of Corrections shall provide a report on the
8 plan to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee on or before
9 November 1, 2017.

10 Sec. E.335.2 REDUCTION IN FORCE OF SOUTHEAST STATE
11 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY EMPLOYEES

12 (a) Permanent status classified State employees who are subject to a
13 reduction in force from their positions at the Southeast State Correctional
14 Facility on or after November 1, 2017, whose reemployment rights have not
15 otherwise terminated, and who have not been reemployed with the State
16 during the two-year reduction in force reemployment rights period, shall be
17 granted a continuation of their reduction in force reemployment rights, in
18 accordance with the provisions of the applicable collective bargaining
19 agreement, but solely to vacant classified bargaining unit positions at any State
20 correctional facility that management intends to fill. All other contractual
21 reduction in force reemployment terms and conditions shall apply.

1 (b) Permanent status classified State employees employed by the Southeast
2 State Correctional Facility as of November 1, 2017 shall, in accordance with
3 the provisions of the applicable collective bargaining agreement, be eligible to
4 receive one mandatory offer of reemployment to the Southeast State
5 Correctional Facility when it is reused to provide secure transitional housing
6 for inmates preparing to reenter the community. An employee who accepts the
7 mandatory offer of reemployment shall be appointed in accordance with the
8 provisions of the applicable collective bargaining agreement. If an employee
9 who accepts a mandatory offer of reemployment fails the associated working
10 test period, he or she shall be separated from employment and granted full
11 reduction in force reemployment rights in accordance with the applicable
12 collective bargaining agreement.

13 Sec. E.338 Corrections - correctional services

14 (a) The special funds appropriation of \$146,000 for the supplemental
15 facility payments to Newport and Springfield shall be paid from the PILOT
16 Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

17 Sec. E.338.1 2008 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. 22(a), as amended by
18 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 157, Sec. 14, by 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 104,
19 Sec. 38, by 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 41, Sec. 1a, and by 2014 Acts and
20 Resolves No. 194, Sec. 15, is further amended to read:

21 (a) Secs. 11 and 12 shall take effect on July 1, ~~2017~~ 2021.

1 Sec. E.338.2 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 131, Sec. 135, as amended by 2015
2 Acts and Resolves No. 4, Sec. 71, is further amended to read:

3 Sec. 135. EFFECTIVE DATES

4 ~~This act shall take effect on passage, except that Secs. 118a and 118b~~
5 ~~(amending 18 V.S.A. § 4808 and adding 18 V.S.A. § 4809) shall take effect on~~
6 ~~July 1, 2017. [Repealed.]~~

7 Sec. E.342 Vermont veterans' home – care and support services

8 (a) The Vermont Veterans' Home shall use the Global Commitment funds
9 appropriated in this section for the purpose of increasing the access of quality
10 health care to uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and Medicaid
11 beneficiaries.

12 Sec. E.342.1 [DELETED]

13 Sec. E.345 Green mountain care board

14 (a) The Green Mountain Care Board shall use the Global Commitment
15 Funds appropriated in Sec. B.345 of this act to encourage the formation and
16 maintenance of public-private partnerships in health care, including initiatives
17 to support and improve the health care delivery system.

18 Sec. E.345.1 FAIR REIMBURSEMENT REPORT

19 (a) Utilizing funds appropriated in Section B.345 of this act, the Green
20 Mountain Care Board shall report to the Health Reform Oversight Committee
21 by October 1, 2017 describing what substantial changes have been put into

1 effect to achieve the site-neutral, fair reimbursements for medical services as
2 envisioned in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 144, Sec. 19, 2015 Acts and
3 Resolves No. 54, Sec. 23, and 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 143, Sec. 5.

4 Sec. E.345.2 HEALTH INSURANCE REGULATION; MARKET
5 STABILITY

6 (a) The Green Mountain Care Board, the Departments of Financial
7 Regulation and of Vermont Health Access, and other State agencies and
8 departments with responsibility for the regulation of health insurers and health
9 insurance plans shall, to the maximum extent permitted under federal law, take
10 such actions as are necessary to maintain the existing health care regulatory
11 framework and a stable health insurance market for major medical health
12 insurance in 2017 while the General Assembly is not in session.

13 * * * LABOR * * *

14 Sec. E.400 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR; RESTRICTION ON TRANSFER
15 OF AUTHORIZED POSITIONS

16 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no
17 authorized positions in the Department of Labor or appropriations for
18 authorized positions in the Department of Labor shall be transferred to the
19 Agency of Commerce and Community Development without the approval of
20 the General Assembly or, if the General Assembly is not in session, of the
21 Joint Fiscal Committee.

1 Sec. E.400.1 APPRENTICESHIP AND YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM

2 (a) On or before October 1, 2017, the Department of Labor shall design
3 and begin implementation of the Apprenticeship and Youth Mentoring
4 Program, the purpose of which shall be to provide paid work experiences and
5 paid or unpaid internships for Vermont youths, working with mentoring
6 professionals, that have academic and occupational education as a component,
7 including:

8 (1) a summer youth employment program for high school juniors and
9 seniors; and

10 (2) nonseasonal employment, preapprenticeship programs, and on-the-
11 job training, for an at-risk youth employment program targeted for at-risk
12 individuals 18 to 24 years of age.

13 (b) The Department shall implement the Program using funds from the
14 State's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act grant from the U.S.
15 Department of Labor, and other State and federal sources, to the extent
16 allowed under applicable law.

17 (c) The Department shall design the Program to serve 150 individual
18 Vermonters.

19 * * * K-12 EDUCATION * * *

20 Sec. E.500 Education – finance and administration

21 (a) The Global Commitment funds appropriated in this section will be used

1 for physician claims for determining medical necessity of Individualized
2 Education Program (IEPs). It is the goal of these services to increase the
3 access of quality health care to uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and
4 Medicaid beneficiaries.

5 Sec. E.500.1 [DELETED]

6 Sec. E.500.2 16 V.S.A. § 4025(b)(4) is added to read:

7 (4) To make payments to the Vermont Teachers' Retirement Fund for
8 the normal contribution in accordance with subsection 1944(c) of this title.

9 Sec. E.502 Education – special education: formula grants

10 (a) Of the appropriation authorized in this section, and notwithstanding any
11 other provision of law, an amount not to exceed \$3,566,029 shall be used by
12 the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2018 as funding for 16 V.S.A.
13 § 2967(b)(2)–(6). In distributing such funds, the Secretary shall not be limited
14 by the restrictions contained within 16 V.S.A. § 2969(c) and (d). In addition to
15 funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b)(2)–(6), up to \$192,805 may be used by the
16 Agency of Education for its participation in the higher education partnership
17 plan.

18 Sec. E.503 Education – state-placed students

19 (a) The Independence Place Program of the Lund Family Center shall be
20 considered a 24-hour residential program for the purposes of reimbursement of
21 education costs.

1 Sec. E.504.1 Education – flexible pathways

2 (a) Of this appropriation, \$4,120,000 from the Education Fund shall be
3 distributed to school districts for reimbursement of high school completion
4 services pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 943(c). Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A.
5 § 4025(b), of this Education Fund appropriation, the amount of:

6 (1) \$600,000 is available for dual enrollment programs consistent with
7 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2), and the amount of \$30,000 is available for use pursuant
8 to Sec. E.605.1(a)(2) of this act;

9 (2) \$100,000 is available to support the Vermont Virtual Learning
10 Cooperative at the River Valley Technical Center School District;

11 (3) \$200,000 is available for secondary school reform grants; and

12 (4) \$450,000 is available for the Vermont Academy of Science and
13 Technology and \$1,700,000 for Early College pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 4011(e).

14 E.504.2 ADULT DIPLOMA FUNDING

15 (a) Payment amounts made in section B.504 for the adult diploma program
16 are made notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4011(f).

17 Sec. E.505 [DELETED]

18 Sec. E.513 Appropriation and transfer to education

19 (a) Pursuant to Sec. B.513 of this act and 16 V.S.A. § 4025(a)(2), there is
20 appropriated in fiscal year 2018 from the General Fund for transfer to the
21 Education Fund the amount of \$314,695,753.

1 Sec. E.514 State teachers' retirement system

2 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(g)(2), the annual contribution to
3 the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) shall be \$88,409,437 of which
4 \$83,809,437 shall be the State's contribution and \$4,600,000 shall be
5 contributed from local school systems or educational entities pursuant to
6 16 V.S.A. § 1944c.

7 (b) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(2), of the annual contribution,
8 \$8,346,261 is the "normal contribution," and \$80,063,176 is the "accrued
9 liability contribution."

10 Sec. E.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits

11 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(b)(2), \$27,560,966 will be
12 contributed to the Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefits plan.

13 Sec. E.515.1 16 V.S.A. § 1944b is amended to read:

14 § 1944b. RETIRED TEACHERS' HEALTH AND MEDICAL BENEFITS

15 FUND

16 (a) There is established a Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefits
17 Fund (Benefits Fund) to pay retired teacher health and medical benefits,
18 including prescription drug benefits, when due in accordance with the terms
19 established by the Board of Trustees of the State Teachers' Retirement System
20 of Vermont pursuant to subsection 1942(p) and subdivision 1944(c)(12) of this
21 title. The Benefits Fund shall be administered by the Treasurer.

1 (b) The Benefits Fund shall consist of:

2 (1) all monies remitted to the State on behalf of the members of the
3 State Teachers' Retirement System of Vermont for prescription drug plans
4 pursuant to the Employer Group Waiver Plan with Wrap pursuant to the
5 Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003;

6 (2) any monies appropriated by the General Assembly for the purpose
7 of paying the health and medical benefits for retired members and their
8 dependents provided by subsection 1942(p) and subdivision 1944(c)(12) of
9 this title;

10 (3) any monies pursuant to subsection (e) of this section;

11 (4) ~~any monies the General Assembly transfers from the Supplemental~~
12 ~~Property Tax Relief Fund pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 6075; and [Repealed.]~~

13 (5) any monies pursuant to section 1944d of this title.

14 (c) No employee contributions shall be deposited in the Benefits Fund.

15 (d) Interest earned shall remain in the Benefits Fund, and all balances
16 remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall be carried over to the following year;
17 provided, however, that any amounts received in repayment of interfund loans
18 established under subsection (e) of this section may be reinvested by the State
19 Treasurer.

20 (e)(1) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the State Treasurer is
21 authorized to use interfund loans from the General Fund for payment into the

1 Benefits Fund, which monies shall be identified exclusively for the purposes of
2 payments of retired teacher health and medical benefits pursuant to this
3 section. Any monies borrowed through an interfund loan pursuant to this
4 section shall be paid from monies in the Benefits Fund or from other funds
5 legally available for this purpose. It is the intent of the General Assembly to
6 appropriate sufficient General Fund revenue, after consideration of all other
7 revenue and disbursements, such that the interfund loan shall be paid in full on
8 or before June 30, 2023. The Governor shall include in the annual budget
9 request an amount sufficient to repay any interfund borrowing according to a
10 schedule developed by the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall pay the
11 interest and principal as due in accordance with authority granted under
12 32 V.S.A. § 902(b). The State Treasurer shall assess a rate of interest on the
13 outstanding balance of the interfund loan comparable to the rate paid by
14 private depositories of the State's monies, or to the yield available on
15 investments made pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 433. No interfund loans made
16 under this authority shall, in the aggregate, exceed ~~\$30,000,000.00~~
17 \$28,500,000.00.

18 (2) For the purposes of this chapter, calculation of the interfund loan
19 limit shall include long-term receivables and payables but shall not include
20 accruals for federal reimbursement of employer group waiver plan receivables
21 pursuant to subdivision 1944b(b)(1) of this title, receivables due from local

1 school systems pursuant to subsection 1944d of this title, or any short-term
2 accruals.

3 (f) It is the intent of the General Assembly to appropriate the required
4 contributions necessary to pay retired teacher health and medical benefits by
5 combining annual increases in base appropriations, but not from the Education
6 Fund, and surplus revenues as they become available, so that the full cost of
7 retired teacher health and medical benefits payments shall be met in base
8 appropriations by fiscal year ~~2024~~ 2023. To the extent that other revenue
9 sources are identified, the General Fund obligation shall not be reduced, until
10 all annual disbursements to repay the interfund loan in subsection (e) of this
11 section are satisfied. Contributions to the Benefits Fund shall be irrevocable
12 and it shall be impossible at any time prior to the satisfaction of all liabilities,
13 with respect to employees and their beneficiaries, for any part of the corpus or
14 income of the Benefits Fund to be used for, or diverted to, purposes other than
15 the payment of retiree postemployment benefits to members and their
16 beneficiaries and reasonable expenses of administering the Benefits Fund and
17 related benefit plans.

18 (g) The Treasurer shall report on the status of the interfund loan balance
19 allowed under this section as part of the annual budget presentation to the
20 General Assembly.

21 * * * HIGHER EDUCATION * * *

1 Sec. E.600 University of Vermont

2 (a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall issue warrants to
3 pay one-twelfth of this appropriation to the University of Vermont on or about
4 the 15th day of each calendar month of the year.

5 (b) Of this appropriation, \$380,326 shall be transferred to EPSCoR
6 (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) for the purpose of
7 complying with State matching fund requirements necessary for the receipt of
8 available federal or private funds, or both.

9 (c) If Global Commitment Fund monies are unavailable, the total grant
10 funding for the University of Vermont shall be maintained through the General
11 Fund or other State funding sources.

12 (d) The University of Vermont will use the Global Commitment funds
13 appropriated in this section to support Vermont physician training. The
14 University of Vermont prepares students, both Vermonters and out-of-state,
15 and awards approximately 100 medical degrees annually. Graduates of this
16 program, currently representing a significant number of physicians practicing
17 in Vermont, deliver high-quality health care services to Medicaid beneficiaries
18 and to uninsured or underinsured persons, or both, in Vermont and across the
19 nation.

20 Sec. E.600.1 INCREASING VERMONT'S PRIMARY CARE

21 WORKFORCE

1 (a) Of the Global Commitment funds allocated to the University of
2 Vermont College of Medicine pursuant to this act, at least \$750,000 shall be
3 used to support the College of Medicine's new rural medicine health track,
4 which embeds medical students in a rural community for a year-long
5 longitudinal integrated clerkship during which they will be trained in clinical
6 care while engaging with the local community and conducting population
7 health studies. The goal of the rural medicine health track is to encourage
8 more students to choose careers in primary care in underserved areas of
9 Vermont.

10 Sec. E.602 Vermont state colleges

11 (a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall issue warrants to
12 pay one-twelfth of this appropriation to the Vermont State Colleges on or
13 about the 15th day of each calendar month of the year.

14 (b) Of this appropriation, \$427,898 shall be transferred to the Vermont
15 Manufacturing Extension Center for the purpose of complying with State
16 matching fund requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or
17 private funds, or both.

18 (c) Vermont State Colleges report. On or before January 15, 2018, the
19 Vermont State Colleges shall submit a report to the House and Senate
20 Committees on Appropriations on the use and effect of State funding
21 appropriated to the Vermont State Colleges. This report shall include the

1 following:

2 (1) Financial statements for the Vermont State Colleges' prior two fiscal
3 years, including balance sheets and profit and loss statements. The financial
4 statements shall identify separately the use of State funding appropriated to the
5 Vermont State Colleges.

6 (2) For the immediately preceding five school years:

7 (A) the number of resident and nonresident students who were
8 enrolled, on both a full-time and a part-time basis;

9 (B) the number of graduate and undergraduate degrees awarded to
10 resident and nonresident students;

11 (C) student retention rates and the average amount of time to
12 graduation;

13 (D) the cost of attendance, including:

14 (i) the average amount of nonloan financial aid awarded;

15 (ii) the average student debt upon graduation; and

16 (iii) in- and out-of-state tuition rates and how these compare with
17 regional peer institutions; and

18 (E) for students that are first in their families to attend college, the
19 information under subdivisions (A) through (D) of this subdivision (2) broken
20 out for this student population.

21 (3) A description of the Vermont State Colleges' strategic priorities and

1 a status report on the achievement of these priorities, including a description of
2 actions necessary to ensure a healthy and viable Vermont State Colleges
3 system that enables the Colleges to achieve their mission.

4 Sec. E.603 Vermont state colleges – allied health

5 (a) If Global Commitment fund monies are unavailable, the total grant
6 funding for the Vermont State Colleges shall be maintained through the
7 General Fund or other State funding sources.

8 (b) The Vermont State Colleges shall use the Global Commitment funds
9 appropriated in this section to support the dental hygiene, respiratory therapy,
10 and nursing programs which graduate approximately 315 health care providers
11 annually. These graduates deliver direct, high-quality health care services to
12 Medicaid beneficiaries or uninsured or underinsured persons, or both.

13 Sec. E.605 Vermont student assistance corporation

14 (a) Of this appropriation, \$25,000 is appropriated from the Education Fund
15 to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation to be deposited into the Trust
16 Fund established in 16 V.S.A. § 2845.

17 (b) Of this appropriation, not more than \$200,000 may be used by the
18 Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for a student aspirational pilot
19 initiative to serve one or more high schools.

20 (c) Of the appropriated amount remaining after accounting for subsections

21 (a) and (b) of this section, not less than 93 percent of this appropriation shall

1 be used for direct student aid.

2 (d) Funds available to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation
3 pursuant to Sec. E.215(a) of this act shall be used for the purposes of
4 16 V.S.A. § 2856. Any unexpended funds from this allocation shall carry
5 forward for this purpose.

6 Sec. E.605.1 NEED-BASED STIPEND FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT AND
7 EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS

8 (a) The sum of \$60,000 shall be transferred to the Vermont Student
9 Assistance Corporation (VSAC) as follows:

10 (1) \$30,000 from Sec. B.1100(a)(3)(C) (Next Generation funds
11 appropriated for dual enrollment and need-based stipend purposes).

12 (2) \$30,000 pursuant to Sec. E.504.1(a)(1) (flexible pathways funds
13 appropriated for dual enrollment and need-based stipend purposes).

14 (b) The sums transferred to VSAC in this section shall be used to fund a
15 flat-rate, need-based stipend or voucher program for financially needy students
16 enrolled in a dual enrollment course pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 944 or in early
17 college pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 4011(e) to be used for the purchase of books,
18 cost of transportation, and payment of fees. VSAC shall establish the criteria
19 for program eligibility. Funds shall be granted to eligible students on a first-
20 come, first-served basis until funds are depleted.

21 (c) VSAC shall report on the program to the House Committees on

1 Appropriations and on Commerce and Economic Development and to the
2 Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Economic Development,
3 Housing and General Affairs on or before January 15, 2018.

4 Sec. E.608 [DELETED]

5 Sec. E.608.1 [DELETED]

6 * * * NATURAL RESOURCES * * *

7 Sec. E.700 32 V.S.A. § 5(a)(3)(A) is amended to read:

8 (3)(A) This section shall not apply to the following items, if the
9 acceptance of those items will not incur additional expense to the State or
10 create an ongoing requirement for funds, services, or facilities:

11 (i) the acceptance of grants, gifts, donations, loans, or other things
12 of value with a value of \$5,000.00 or less;

13 (ii) the acceptance by the Department of Forests, Parks and
14 Recreation and the Department of Fish and Wildlife of grants, gifts, donations,
15 loans, or other things of value with a value of \$15,000.00 or less; or

16 (iii) the acceptance by the Vermont Veterans' Home of grants,
17 gifts, donations, loans, or other things of value with a value of \$10,000.00 or
18 less.

19 Sec. E.700.1 10 V.S.A. § 1389a is amended to read:

20 § 1389a. CLEAN WATER INVESTMENT REPORT

21 (a) Beginning on January 15, 2017, and annually thereafter, the ~~Clean~~

1 ~~Water Fund Board~~ Secretary of Administration shall publish a Clean Water
2 Investment Report. The Report shall summarize all investments, including
3 their cost-effectiveness, made by the Clean Water Fund Board and other State
4 agencies for clean water restoration over the ~~past~~ prior calendar year. The
5 Report shall include expenditures from the Clean Water Fund, the General
6 Fund, the Transportation Fund, and any other State expenditures for clean
7 water restoration, regardless of funding source.

8 ~~(b) The Report shall document progress or shortcomings in meeting~~
9 ~~established indicators for clean water restoration. The Report shall include:~~

10 (1) Documentation of progress or shortcomings in meeting established
11 indicators for clean water restoration.

12 (2) a A summary of additional funding sources pursued by the Board,
13 including whether those funding sources were attained; if it was not attained,
14 why it was not attained; and where the money was allocated from the Fund.

15 (3) A summary of water quality problems or concerns in each watershed
16 basin of the State, a list of water quality projects identified as necessary in
17 each basin of the State, and how identified projects have been prioritized for
18 implementation. The water quality problems and projects identified under this
19 subdivision shall include programs or projects identified across State
20 government and shall not be limited to projects listed by the Agency of Natural
21 Resources in its watershed projects database.

1 (4) A summary of any changes to applicable federal law or policy
2 related to the State's water quality improvement efforts, including any changes
3 to requirements to implement total maximum daily load plans in the State.

4 (5) A summary of available federal funding related to or for water
5 quality improvement efforts in the State.

6 (c) The Report may also provide an overview of additional funding
7 necessary to meet objectives established for clean water restoration and
8 recommendations for additional revenue to meet those restoration objectives.
9 The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not
10 apply to the report required by this section.

11 (b)(d)(1) The ~~Board~~ Secretary of Administration shall develop and use a
12 results-based accountability process in publishing the annual report required by
13 subsection (a) of this section.

14 (2) The Secretary of Administration shall develop user-friendly issue
15 briefs, tables, or executive summaries that make the information required
16 under subdivision (b)(3) available to the public separately from the report
17 required by this section.

18 (3) On or before September 1 of each year, the Secretary of
19 Administration shall submit to the Joint Fiscal Committee an interim report
20 regarding the information required under subdivision (b)(5) of this section
21 relating to available federal funding.

1 * * * COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT * * *

2 Sec. E.800 VERMONT LIFE MAGAZINE

3 (a) The Secretary of Administration with the assistance of the Secretary of
4 Commerce and Community Development shall issue an RFP by September 1,
5 2017 that seeks bids from interested media parties by December 1, 2017 to
6 maximize the State benefit of Vermont Life magazine by:

7 (1) sale of Vermont Life magazine as an operating enterprise, or sale of
8 any identifiable Vermont Life assets after the suspension of publication by the
9 State to offset in whole or in part the magazine's existing debt; or

10 (2) licensing arrangements with entities that would result in payments to
11 the State that reduce over time the magazine's existing debt; or

12 (3) partnership or operating proposals that continue publication without
13 additional State support and have a high likelihood of eventual positive
14 revenue streams to the State that reduce over time the magazine's existing debt
15 or would result in a future sale of the enterprise sufficient to offset the debt, or
16 both; or

17 (4) other media and publishing proposals that offset in whole or in part
18 the magazine's existing debt.

19 (b) Departments of the State are not precluded from submitting bids, but
20 the primary criterion in selecting a proposal will be the financial benefit to the
21 State.

1 (a) Community Development Block Grants shall carry forward until
2 expended.

3 * * * TRANSPORTATION * * *

4 Sec. E.904 [DELETED]

5 Sec. E.909 Transportation – central garage

6 (a) Of this appropriation, \$7,904,353 is appropriated from the
7 Transportation Equipment Replacement Account within the Central Garage
8 Fund for the purchase of equipment as authorized in 19 V.S.A. § 13(b).

9 Sec. E.915 Transportation – town highway aid program

10 (a) This appropriation is authorized, notwithstanding the provisions of
11 19 V.S.A. § 306(a).

12 * * * MISCELLANEOUS TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS * * *

13 Sec. F.1 33 V.S.A. § 2604(b) is amended to read:

14 (b) Fuel cost requirements. The Secretary of Human Services or designee
15 shall by procedure establish a table that contains amounts that will function as
16 a proxy for applicant households' annual heating fuel cost for the previous
17 year. The seasonal fuel expenditure estimates contained within the table shall
18 closely approximate the actual home heating costs experienced by participants
19 in the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program. ~~Data on actual heating costs~~
20 ~~collected pursuant to subsection 2602(d) of this title shall be used in lieu of the~~
21 ~~proxy table when available.~~ The table shall be revised no less frequently than

1 every three years based on data supplied by certified fuel suppliers, the
2 Department of Public Service, and other industry sources to the Office of
3 Home Heating Fuel Assistance. The Secretary or designee shall provide a
4 draft of the table to the Home Energy Assistance Task Force established
5 pursuant to subsection 2602a(c) of this title and solicit input from the Task
6 Force prior to finalizing the table.

7 Sec. F.2 33 V.S.A. § 2605(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) The Secretary of Human Services or designee shall by rule establish a
9 table that specifies maximum percentages of applicant households' annual
10 heating fuel costs, based on the proxy table established pursuant to subsection
11 2604(b) of this title ~~and, when available, the data collected pursuant to~~
12 ~~subsection 2602(d) of this title~~, that can be authorized for payment as annual
13 home heating fuel assistance benefits for the following year. The maximum
14 percentages contained within this table shall vary by household size and annual
15 household income. In no instance shall the percentage exceed 90 percent.

16 Sec. F.3 33 V.S.A. § 2608 is amended to read:

17 § 2608. WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM AGREEMENTS

18 The Director of the Home Energy Assistance Program shall inform the
19 Administrator of the Home Weatherization Assistance Program, established
20 under chapter 25 of this title, of all participants in the Home Heating Fuel
21 Assistance Program ~~and of the information required by subsection 2602(d) of~~

1 ~~this title.~~ The Agency of Human Services shall provide all participants in the
2 Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program with information regarding the
3 efficiency utility established under 30 V.S.A. § 209. All participants in the
4 Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program shall be deemed to comply with any
5 income requirements of the Home Weatherization Program, but to receive
6 weatherization services, recipients shall be required to meet any other
7 eligibility requirements of the Home Weatherization Program. As a condition
8 of receipt of benefits under the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program, a
9 recipient shall consent to receive services of the Home Weatherization
10 Assistance Program. ~~The Home Weatherization Assistance Program shall use~~
11 ~~the information required by subsection 2602(d) of this title to determine the~~
12 ~~number of British thermal units (Btus) needed to heat a square foot of space~~
13 ~~for each participant in the Home Energy Assistance Program.~~ The Home
14 Weatherization Assistance Program shall give the highest priority to providing
15 services to participants within the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program and,
16 among those participants, to those who require the ~~most BTUs to heat a square~~
17 ~~foot of space~~ highest energy usage.

18 Sec. F.4 33 V.S.A. § 2502(b)(3)(C) is amended to read:

19 (C) Establishing Program eligibility levels at 80 percent of the area
20 median income, or 80 percent of the State median income, whichever is
21 higher. Subject to the priority under section 2608 of this title given to

1 participants in the Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program, the State program
2 shall, when weighing factors to assign priority to buildings or units eligible for
3 weatherization assistance, assign the greatest weight to those buildings and
4 units that require the ~~most Btus to heat a square foot of space~~ highest energy
5 usage.

6 Sec. F.5 33 V.S.A. § 2609(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) Annually, the Secretary of Human Services or designee shall determine
8 an appropriate amount of funds ~~in the Home Heating Fuel Assistance fund~~ to
9 be set aside for expenditure for the crisis fuel assistance component of the
10 Home Heating Fuel Program. The Secretary or designee shall also adopt rules
11 to define crisis situations for the expenditure of the home heating fuel crisis
12 funds, and to establish the income ~~and asset~~ eligibility requirements of
13 households for receipt of crisis Home Heating Fuel Assistance, provided that
14 no household shall be eligible whose gross household income is greater than
15 200 percent of the federal poverty level ~~or is in excess of income maximums~~
16 ~~established by LIHEAP~~ based on the income of all persons residing in the
17 household. To the extent allowed by federal law, the Secretary or designee
18 shall establish by rule a calculation of gross income based on the same rules
19 used in 3SquaresVT, except that the Secretary or designee shall include
20 additional deductions or exclusions from income required by LIHEAP.

21 Sec. F.6 33 V.S.A. § 2502(d) is amended to read:

1 (d) Subject to budgetary approval by the General Assembly, or approval by
2 the Emergency Board, amounts in the Home Weatherization Assistance Fund
3 created by section 2501 of this title may be transferred to the Home Heating
4 Fuel Assistance Fund ~~created by section 2603 of this title~~ program, and used
5 for energy assistance to low income persons, provided that such transfer does
6 not reduce the fiscal capacity of the State Office of Economic Opportunity to
7 meet the budgetary obligations of the Weatherization Program as set forth in
8 this chapter, and that in the event of approval by the Emergency Board, the
9 Emergency Board so certifies.

10 Sec. F.7 33 V.S.A. § 2502(c) is amended to read:

11 (c) The Secretary of Human Services shall by rule establish rent
12 stabilization agreements and provisions to recapture amounts expended for
13 weatherization of a rental unit which exceed the amount of energy cost
14 reductions projected to be obtained by eligible tenants of the unit. The time
15 periods established for rent stabilization and recapture shall be set taking into
16 account the size of benefits received by tenants and landlords as well as the
17 effect on program participation. Funds recaptured under this section shall be
18 deposited into the Home Weatherization Assistance ~~Trust~~ Fund established
19 under section 2501 of this title.

20 Sec. F.8 18 V.S.A. § 7254(a) is amended to read:

21 (a) The ~~director of health care reform~~ Director of Health Care Reform and

1 the ~~commissioners of mental health, of health, and of Vermont health access~~
2 Commissioners of Mental Health, of Health, and of Vermont Health Access
3 and the Green Mountain Care board Board or designees shall ensure that the
4 redesign of the mental health delivery system established in this chapter is an
5 integral component of the health care reform efforts ~~established in~~ coordinated
6 pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 2222a § 3027. Specifically, the ~~director,~~
7 ~~commissioners, and board~~ Director, Commissioners, and Board shall confer on
8 planning efforts necessary to ensure that the following initiatives are
9 coordinated and advanced:

10 * * *

11 Sec. F.9 18 V.S.A. § 9351(b) is amended to read:

12 (b) The Health Information Technology Plan shall:

13 * * *

14 (7) integrate the information technology components of the Blueprint
15 for Health established in chapter 13 of this title, the Agency of Human
16 Services' Enterprise Master Patient Index, and all other Medicaid management
17 information systems being developed by the Department of Vermont Health
18 Access, information technology components of the quality assurance system,
19 the program to capitalize with loans and grants electronic medical record
20 systems in primary care practices, and any other information technology
21 initiatives coordinated ~~by the Secretary of Administration~~ pursuant to 3 V.S.A.

1 ~~§ 2222a § 3027~~; and

2 * * *

3 Sec. F.10 18 V.S.A. § 9416(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) The ~~commissioner of health~~ Commissioner of Health shall contract
5 with the Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care, Inc. to implement and
6 maintain a statewide quality assurance system to evaluate and improve the
7 quality of health care services rendered by health care providers of health care
8 facilities, including managed care organizations, to determine that health care
9 services rendered were professionally indicated or were performed in
10 compliance with the applicable standard of care, and that the cost of health
11 care rendered was considered reasonable by the providers of professional
12 health services in that area. The ~~commissioner of health~~ Commissioner of
13 Health shall ensure that the information technology components of the quality
14 assurance system comply with, and the ~~commissioner of Vermont health access~~
15 Commissioner of Vermont Health Access shall ensure such components are
16 incorporated into, the statewide health information technology plan developed
17 under section 9351 of this title and any other information technology
18 initiatives coordinated ~~by the secretary of administration~~ pursuant to 3 V.S.A.
19 ~~§ 2222a § 3027~~.

20 * * * Effective Dates for Secs. A.100–G.100 * * *

21 Sec. G.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

1 (a) This section and Secs. C.100 (fiscal year 2017 one-time
2 appropriations), C.100.1 (Economic Development marketing), C.100.2
3 (Medicaid carry forward requirement), C.101 (fiscal year 2017 fund transfers),
4 C.102 (Volkswagen settlement), C.103 (expenditure of Human Services
5 Caseload Management Reserve), C.104 (fiscal year 2017 27/53 Reserve,
6 transfer), C.105 (fiscal year 2017 Attorney General adjustment), C.106 (fiscal
7 year 2017 Protection function total adjustment), C.107 (fiscal year 2017
8 Secretary' office, Global Commitment adjustment), C.108 (fiscal year 2017
9 Green Mountain Care Board adjustment), C.109 (fiscal year 2017 Human
10 Services function total adjustment), C.110–C.111 (fiscal year 2017 debt service
11 adjustments), C.112–C.115 (fiscal year 2017 teachers' retirement system and
12 health care and medical benefits adjustments), C.116 (Emergency Board
13 composition), C.117 (budget report), C.118 (fiscal year 2017 carry forward
14 authority), C.119 (fiscal year 2017 cost savings), C.120 (General Fund year
15 end close out), D.102 (Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund balance), E.100(b)
16 (Labor Relations Manager position), E.100(c) (Security Guard positions),
17 E.100(d) (transfer of vacant positions), E.100.1(d)(7) (position pilot program),
18 E.100.2 (repeal), E.300.1–E.300.7 (transfer Director of Health Care Reform to
19 the Agency of Human Services), E.300.14 (repeals), E.308.1 (Choices for
20 Care), E.327 (Woodside Global Commitment funding), and F.1-F.10
21 (miscellaneous technical statute corrections), shall take effect on passage.

1 (b) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

2 Sec. H.1 [RESERVED]

** * * Yields and Nonresidential Tax Rate * * **

Sec. H.1. PROPERTY DOLLAR EQUIVALENT YIELD AND INCOME

DOLLAR EQUIVALENT YIELD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

(a) Pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5402b(b), for fiscal year 2018 only:

(1) the property dollar equivalent yield is \$10,160.00; and

(2) the income dollar equivalent yield is \$11,990.00.

*Sec. H.2. NONRESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR
2018*

(a) For fiscal year 2018 only, the nonresidential education property tax imposed under 32 V.S.A. § 5402(a)(1) shall be reduced from the rate of \$1.59 and instead be \$1.535 per \$100.00.

** * * Education Fund Allocation; Sales and Use Tax * * **

Sec. H.3. 16 V.S.A. § 4025 is amended to read:

§ 4025. EDUCATION FUND

(a) ~~A~~ The Education Fund is established to comprise the following:

** * **

(6) ~~Thirty-five~~ Thirty-six percent of the revenues raised from the sales and use tax imposed by 32 V.S.A. chapter 233.

** * **

Sec. H.4. 32 V.S.A. § 435(b) is amended to read:

(b) The General Fund shall be composed of revenues from the following sources:

** * **

(11) ~~65~~ 64 percent of the revenue from sales and use taxes levied pursuant to chapter 233 of this title;

** * **

** * * Health Care Transition * * **

Sec. H.5. SAVINGS FROM HEALTH CARE TRANSITION

(a) As a result of the Affordable Care Act, as of January 1, 2018, all school employees will be on new health care plans. The new health plans cover similar health care services and networks, but they have lower premium costs. The new plans also create higher out-of-pocket exposure through deductibles and co-payment requirements. However, because the premiums for these plans are markedly lower, there are opportunities to keep employees' out-of-pocket costs at current levels while also realizing substantial savings, including savings for the second half of fiscal year 2018.

(b) All supervisory unions and school districts should be able to achieve savings to their budgets as a result of the transition to the new health care plans.

(c) This act establishes a mechanism to return savings to property

taxpayers.

Sec. H.6. RECAPTURING SAVINGS FROM HEALTH CARE TRANSITION

(a)(1) On or before August 15, 2017, the Agency of Education, in consultation with the Department of Taxes and the Vermont Education Health Initiative (VEHI), shall determine the amount by which each supervisory union's or school district's education payment shall be reduced. These reductions shall be made during the second half of fiscal year 2018 and during fiscal year 2019 based on the difference between:

(A) the supervisory union's or school district's actual total fiscal year 2017 health care expenditure; and

(B) a calculation of the supervisory union's or school district's projected fiscal year 2018 health care expenditure for individual, two-person, and family plans for all covered school employees based on the assumptions described in subdivision (2) of this subsection (a) plus five percent.

(2) The calculation of a supervisory union's or school district's projected fiscal year 2018 health care expenditure shall be based on the supervisory union's or school district's 2017 plan tier distribution for all covered school employees as of April 1, 2017 and on the following assumptions for the second half of fiscal year 2018:

(A) a premium contribution by the supervisory union or school district in an amount equal to 80 percent of the premium for the VEHI Gold

Consumer-Driven Health Plan (CDHP), with school employees responsible for the balance of the premium for the VEHI plan they select;

(B) contributions by the supervisory union or school district toward the school employees' out-of-pocket expenses in the amounts of \$2,100.00 per individual plan, \$4,200.00 per two-person or parent-child plan, and \$3,800.00 per family plan in a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) or health savings account (HSA);

(C) approximately 75 percent of collective bargaining agreements using an HRA and 25 percent using an HSA; and

(D) if using an HRA, school employees bearing first-dollar responsibility for the full amount of the out-of-pocket expenses for which they are responsible.

(b)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the State shall reduce the amount of the education payment authorized by 16 V.S.A. chapter 133 to each supervisory union and school district for the second half of fiscal year 2018 by subtracting from the final fiscal year 2018 payment due to each supervisory union or school district 65 percent of the amount attributed to that supervisory union or school district pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the State shall reduce the amount of education payments authorized by 16 V.S.A. chapter

133 to supervisory unions and school districts for fiscal year 2019 by subtracting from the total amount of the fiscal year 2019 payments due to each supervisory union or school district 35 percent of the amount attributed to that supervisory union or school district pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

(c) The health care benefit and coverage provisions of a collective bargaining agreement between a supervisory union or school district and school employees shall expire between July 1, 2019 and September 1, 2019; provided, however, that this subsection (c) shall not apply to collective bargaining agreements that were, prior to the effective date of this section, either executed by a school board negotiations council and employee organization negotiations council or tentatively agreed to by these councils pending final ratification by the school board and by the bargaining unit or members of the employee organization.

(d) As used in this section:

(1) "School employees" means all employees of supervisory unions and school districts who are permitted to collectively bargain under 16 V.S.A. chapter 57 or 21 V.S.A. chapter 22.

(2) "Supervisory union" and "school district" shall have the same meanings as set forth in 16 V.S.A. § 11.

** * * Health Benefits Commission * * **

Sec. H.7. VERMONT EDUCATIONAL HEALTH BENEFITS COMMISSION

(a) The Vermont Educational Health Benefits Commission is created to determine whether and how to establish a single statewide health benefit plan for all teachers, administrators, and other employees of supervisory unions and school districts.

(b) The Commission shall comprise the following nine members:

(1) the Commissioner of Financial Regulation or designee;

(2) the Commissioner of Taxes or designee;

(3) the Executive Director of the Vermont-NEA or designee;

(4) one representative of all other labor organizations representing school employees for purposes of collective bargaining pursuant to 16 V.S.A. chapter 57 or 21 V.S.A. chapter 22, or both, jointly appointed by their membership;

(5) the Executive Director of the Vermont School Boards Association or designee;

(6) the Executive Director of the Vermont Superintendents Association or designee;

(7) one non-legislator member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(8) one non-legislator member appointed by the Senate Committee on Committees; and

(9) one member appointed by the Governor, which member shall serve

as the Commission's Chair:

(c) The Commission shall determine the advantages and disadvantages of establishing a single statewide health benefit plan for all teachers, administrators, and other employees of supervisory unions and school districts, including considering:

(1) transition issues;

(2) potential savings from avoided negotiation expenses;

(3) whether to use income-sensitized premiums;

(4) ways to address benefit disparities among bargaining units;

(5) ways to address disparities among districts, including examining the role of and potential changes to fact finding standards;

(6) property tax implications;

(7) issues related to uninsured school employees; and

(8) the structure and composition of the Vermont Education Health Initiative's (VEHI) governing board.

(d)(1) The Commission shall consult with the Secretary of Education and VEHI as necessary.

(2) The Commission shall be attached to the Department of Financial Regulation for administrative support.

(e) On or before November 15, 2017, the Commission shall provide its findings and recommendations, along with any necessary proposed legislation

regarding the establishment of a statewide health benefit plan for all teachers, administrators, and other employees of supervisory unions and school districts, to the House Committees on Education, on General, Housing and Military Affairs, and on Ways and Means and the Senate Committees on Education, on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, and on Finance.

(f) As used in this section, the terms “supervisory union” and “school district” shall have the same meanings as in 16 V.S.A. § 11.

** * * Collective Bargaining Negotiations * * **

Sec. H.8. REOPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS AT IMPASSE

(a)(1) For contract negotiations that are engaged in impasse resolution pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 2006 or 2007 or 21 V.S.A. § 1731 or 1732 on the date of passage of this act, if employees’ health care benefits are an issue that remains in dispute between the parties, then either the negotiations council for the school board or for the school employees may, within 30 days of the date of passage of this act, request that the parties discontinue the impasse resolution process and reopen negotiations to permit the parties to engage in bargaining in light of the provisions of Sec. H.6 of this act. The parties shall reopen negotiations within 10 days of the request.

(2) If, following the reopened contract negotiations, the parties continue to be unable to reach agreement on specific negotiable items, the parties may

engage in impasse resolution as provided pursuant to 16 V.S.A. chapter 57 or 21 V.S.A. chapter 22, as appropriate.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, it shall not constitute an unfair labor practice or a failure to bargain in good faith if, pursuant to this section, a party requests to discontinue the impasse resolution process or during reopened negotiations revises a prior bargaining position related to employees' health care benefits in light of the provisions of Sec. H.6 of this act.

** * * Effective Dates for Secs. H.1 – H.9 * * **

Sec. H.9. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Secs. H.5 – H.6 (health care transition) and H.8 (reopening negotiations) shall take effect on passage.

(b) Sec. H.7 (health benefits commission) shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

(c) Secs. H.1 (yields) and H.2 (nonresidential rate) shall take effect on July 1, 2017 and apply to fiscal year 2018.

(d) Secs. H.3 and H.4 (sales tax allocation) shall take effect on July 1, 2018 and apply to fiscal year 2019 and after.

1 * * * Vermont Housing and Conservation Board;

2 Housing Bond Proceeds for Affordable Housing * * *

3 Sec. I.1 FINDINGS AND PURPOSE; AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND

4 (a) Findings.

1 (1) The General Assembly finds that investments are needed to help
2 house the most vulnerable Vermonters as well as creating more homes for
3 workers.

4 (2) The shortage of affordable and available homes has been highlighted
5 recently by:

6 (A) the Vermont Futures Project of the Vermont Chamber of
7 Commerce, which set a growth target of 5,000 new and improved housing
8 units annually;

9 (B) a national consultant's recommendations for a Roadmap to End
10 Homelessness, which calls for, over the next five years, 368 new units for
11 permanent supportive housing and 1,251 new homes affordable to families
12 with income that is not more than 30 percent of the median; and

13 (C) the 2015 statewide housing needs assessment by Bowen National
14 Research, which found the largest gaps in housing affordable to households
15 with income below 30 percent of median and households with income between
16 85 percent and 120 percent of median, and found a lack of housing availability
17 across the income spectrum.

18 (b) Purpose and intent.

19 (1) The purpose of Secs. I.1–I.12 of this act is to promote the
20 development and improvement of housing for Vermonters.

21 (2) It is the intent of the General Assembly:

1 (A) to extend the clean water surcharge to provide an interim source
2 of revenue for addressing water quality issues throughout the State;

3 (B) to continue its work on identifying a long-term funding source or
4 sources that are sufficient in scope and targeted in design to address these
5 water quality issues; and

6 (C) once one or more long-term funding sources are identified and
7 enacted, but not later than July 1, 2027, to reduce the amount of the clean
8 water surcharge to 0.04 percent.

9 Sec. I.2 10 V.S.A. § 314 is added to read:

10 § 314. AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND; INVESTMENT

11 The Vermont Housing and Conservation Board shall use the proceeds of
12 bonds, notes, and other obligations issued by the Vermont Housing Finance
13 Agency pursuant to subdivision 621(22) of this title and transferred to the
14 Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund to fund the creation and
15 improvement of owner-occupied and rental housing for Vermonters with very
16 low to middle income, in areas targeted for growth and reinvestment, as
17 follows:

18 (1) not less than 25 percent of the housing shall be targeted to
19 Vermonters with very low income, meaning households with income below 50
20 percent of area median income;

21 (2) not less than 25 percent of the housing shall be targeted to

1 Vermonters with moderate income, meaning households with income between
2 80 and 120 percent of area median income; and

3 (3) the remaining housing shall be targeted to Vermonters with income
4 that is less than or equal to 120 percent of area median income, consistent with
5 the provisions of this chapter.

6 Sec. I.3 10 V.S.A. § 323 is amended to read:

7 § 323. ANNUAL REPORT

8 Prior to January 31 of each year, the ~~board~~ Board shall submit a report
9 concerning its activities to the ~~governor~~ Governor and ~~legislative committees~~
10 ~~on agriculture, natural resources and energy, appropriations, ways and means,~~
11 ~~finance, and institutions~~ to the House Committees on Agriculture and Forestry,
12 on Appropriations, on Corrections and Institutions, on Natural Resources, Fish
13 and Wildlife, and on Ways and Means and the Senate Committees on
14 Agriculture, on Appropriations, on Finance, on Institutions, and on Natural
15 Resources and Energy. The report shall include, ~~but not be limited to,~~ the
16 following:

17 (1) a list and description of activities funded by the ~~board~~ Board during
18 the preceding year, including commitments made to fund projects through
19 housing bond proceeds pursuant to section 314 of this title, and project
20 descriptions, levels of affordability, and geographic location;

21 * * *

* * * Allocation of Property Transfer Tax Revenues * * *

Sec. I.4 32 V.S.A. § 9610 is amended to read:

§ 9610. REMITTANCE OF RETURN AND TAX; INSPECTION OF
RETURNS

(a) Not later than 30 days after the receipt of any property transfer return, a town clerk shall file the return in the office of the town clerk and electronically forward a copy of the acknowledged return to the Commissioner; provided, however, that with respect to a return filed in paper format with the town, the Commissioner shall have the discretion to allow the town to forward a paper copy of that return to the ~~department~~ Department.

(b) The copies of property transfer returns in the custody of the town clerk may be inspected by any member of the public.

(c) Prior to distributions of property transfer tax revenues under 10 V.S.A. § 312, 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), and ~~32 V.S.A. §~~ subdivision 435(b)(10) of this title, ~~one~~ two percent of the revenues received from the property transfer tax shall be deposited in a special fund in the Department of Taxes for Property Valuation and Review administration costs.

(d)(1) Prior to any distribution of property transfer tax revenue under 10 V.S.A. § 312, 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), subdivision 435(b)(10) of this title, and subsection (c) of this section, \$2,500,000.00 of the revenue received from the property transfer tax shall be transferred to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency to pay the principal of and interest due on the bonds, notes, and other

1 obligations authorized to be issued by the Agency pursuant to 10 V.S.A.
2 § 621(22), the proceeds of which the Vermont Housing and Conservation
3 Board shall use to create affordable housing pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 314.

4 (2) As long as the bonds, notes, and other obligations incurred pursuant
5 to subdivision (1) of this subsection remain outstanding, the rate of tax
6 imposed pursuant to section 9602 of this title shall not be reduced below a rate
7 estimated, at the time of any reduction, to generate annual revenues of at least
8 \$12,000,000.00.

9 * * * Vermont Housing Finance Agency; Authority to Issue Bonds for

10 Affordable Housing * * *

11 Sec. I.5 10 V.S.A. § 621 is amended to read:

12 § 621. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES

13 The Agency shall have all of the powers necessary and convenient to carry
14 out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this chapter, including
15 without limitation those general powers provided a business corporation by
16 11A V.S.A. § 3.02 and those general powers provided a nonprofit corporation
17 by 11B V.S.A. § 3.02 and including, without limiting the generality of the
18 foregoing, the power to:

19 * * *

20 (21) use funds received from real estate trust and escrow accounts
21 established under 26 V.S.A. § 2214(c), IORTA funds, for down payment and
22 closing cost assistance with priority given to persons and families at or below

1 90 percent of median income and to persons and families purchasing
2 perpetually affordable housing;

3 (22) issue bonds, notes, and other obligations secured by the property
4 transfer tax revenues transferred to the Agency pursuant to 32 V.S.A.
5 § 9610(d).

6 Sec. I.6 10 V.S.A. § 631(l) is added to read:

7 (l)(1) The bonds, notes, and other obligations authorized to be issued
8 pursuant to subdivision 621(22) of this title shall be secured by a pledge of the
9 property transfer tax revenues to be transferred to the Agency pursuant to
10 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) and shall mature on or before June 30, 2039.

11 (2) The Agency may issue the bonds, notes, and other obligations in one
12 or more series at one time or from time to time, provided that the aggregate
13 annual debt service on the bonds, notes, and other obligations shall not exceed
14 \$2,500,000.00 at any time.

15 (3) The Agency shall transfer the proceeds of the bonds, notes, and
16 other obligations, less issuance fees and costs and required reserves, to the
17 Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund established pursuant to section
18 312 of this title for use by the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board as
19 provided in section 314 of this title.

20 (4) The Agency, the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, and the
21 State Treasurer may execute one or more agreements governing the terms and

1 conditions under which the property transfer tax revenues that secure the
2 bonds, notes, and obligations shall be transferred to the Agency, and any other
3 issues they determine appropriate.

4 * * * Funding for Affordable Housing Bond Program; Allocation
5 of Revenues; Intent * * *

6 Sec. I.7 INTENT; FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND
7 PROGRAM; ALLOCATION OF PROPERTY TRANSFER
8 TAX REVENUES

9 (a) Revenues from the property transfer tax, before the passage of this act,
10 were allocated pursuant to statute as follows:

11 (1) The first two percent was deposited in a special fund in the
12 Department of Taxes for Property Valuation and Review administration costs
13 pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c).

14 (2) Of the remaining 98 percent of the revenues:

15 (A) 17 percent was deposited in the Municipal and Regional
16 Planning Fund created in 24 V.S.A. § 4306.

17 (B) 50 percent was deposited in the Vermont Housing and
18 Conservation Trust Fund created in 10 V.S.A. § 312.

19 (C) 33 percent was deposited in the General Fund created in
20 32 V.S.A. § 435.

21 (b) Pursuant to Sec. I.4 of this act, in 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d), the first

1 \$2,500,000.00 of revenue generated from the property transfer tax is
2 transferred to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency to service the bonds,
3 notes, and other obligations incurred by the Agency pursuant to 10 V.S.A.
4 § 621(22), the proceeds of which the Vermont Housing and Conservation
5 Board shall use to create affordable housing pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 314.

6 (c) Transferring the first \$2,500,000.00 of property transfer tax revenues to
7 the Vermont Housing Finance Agency for debt service reduces the amount of
8 revenues available for allocation to the respective statutory recipients
9 identified in subsection (a) of this section.

10 (d) To compensate for this reduction of available property transfer tax
11 revenue, it is the intent of the General Assembly through this act to provide for
12 the transfer of \$2,500,000.00 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust
13 Fund, as follows:

14 (1) Sec. D.100 of this act appropriates \$11,304,840.00 in fiscal year
15 2018 from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund to the Vermont
16 Housing and Conservation Board. Upon the effective date of this act,
17 \$1,500,000.00 shall revert to the Fund, resulting in a fiscal year 2018 total
18 appropriation to the Board of \$9,804,840.00. In fiscal year 2018 only, the
19 amount of \$1,500,000.00 from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust
20 Fund shall be transferred to the General Fund.

21 (2) As provided in Sec. I.9 of this act, from July 1, 2017 until

1 July 1, 2027, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9602a, the first \$1,000,000.00 in revenue
2 generated by the clean water surcharge of 0.2 percent shall be transferred to
3 the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund. In fiscal year 2018 only,
4 the Commissioner shall transfer the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the
5 Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund to the General Fund.

6 (3) After July 1, 2027, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9602a as amended in
7 Sec. I.10 of this act, \$1,000,000.00 in total revenue generated by the clean
8 water surcharge of 0.04 percent shall be transferred to the Vermont Housing
9 and Conservation Trust Fund.

10 (4) As provided in Sec. I.11 of this act, the clean water surcharge will be
11 repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2039.

12 * * * Clean Water Surcharge; Repeal of 2018 Sunset * * *

13 Sec. I.8 REPEAL; SUNSET OF CLEAN WATER SURCHARGE

14 (a) 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 64, Sec. 39 (sunset of clean water
15 surcharge in 2018) is repealed.

16 * * * Clean Water Surcharge; Allocation of First \$1 Million in

17 Revenue until 2027 * * *

18 Sec. I.9 32 V.S.A. § 9602a is amended to read:

19 § 9602a. CLEAN WATER SURCHARGE

20 There shall be a surcharge of 0.2 percent on the value of property subject to
21 the property transfer tax under section 9602 of this title, except that there shall

1 be no surcharge on the first \$100,000.00 in value of property to be used for the
2 principal residence of the transferee or the first \$200,000.00 in value of
3 property transferred if the purchaser obtains a purchase money mortgage
4 funded in part with a homeland grant through the Vermont Housing and
5 Conservation Trust Fund or which the Vermont Housing and Finance Agency
6 or U.S. Department of Agriculture and Rural Development has committed to
7 make or purchase. The surcharge shall be in addition to any tax assessed under
8 section 9602 of this title. The surcharge assessed under this section shall be
9 paid, collected, and enforced under this chapter in the same manner as the tax
10 assessed under section 9602 of this title. The Commissioner shall deposit the
11 surcharge collected under this section in the Clean Water Fund under 10 V.S.A.
12 § 1388, except for the first \$1,000,000.00 of revenue generated by the
13 surcharge, which shall be deposited in the Vermont Housing and Conservation
14 Trust Fund created in 10 V.S.A. § 312.

15 * * * Clean Water Surcharge; Allocation of
16 Revenue to Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund in 2027 * * *

17 Sec. I.10 32 V.S.A. § 9602a is amended to read:

18 § 9602a. CLEAN WATER SURCHARGE

19 There shall be a surcharge of ~~0.2~~ 0.04 percent on the value of property
20 subject to the property transfer tax under section 9602 of this title, except that
21 there shall be no surcharge on the first \$100,000.00 in value of property to be

1 used for the principal residence of the transferee or the first \$200,000.00 in
2 value of property transferred if the purchaser obtains a purchase money
3 mortgage funded in part with a homeland grant through the Vermont Housing
4 and Conservation Trust Fund or which the Vermont Housing and Finance
5 Agency or U.S. Department of Agriculture and Rural Development has
6 committed to make or purchase. The surcharge shall be in addition to any tax
7 assessed under section 9602 of this title. The surcharge assessed under this
8 section shall be paid, collected, and enforced under this chapter in the same
9 manner as the tax assessed under section 9602 of this title. The Commissioner
10 shall deposit the surcharge collected under this section ~~in the Clean Water~~
11 ~~Fund under 10 V.S.A. § 1388, except for the first \$1,000,000.00 of revenue~~
12 ~~generated by the surcharge, which shall be deposited in the Vermont Housing~~
13 ~~and Conservation Trust Fund created in 10 V.S.A. § 312.~~

14 * * * Repeal of Affordable Housing Bond Provisions After Life of Bond * * *

15 Sec. I.11 REPEAL

16 (a) The following shall be repealed on July 1, 2039:

17 (1) 10 V.S.A. § 314 (Vermont Housing and Conservation Board;
18 affordable housing bond and investments).

19 (2) 10 V.S.A. § 621(22) (Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA)
20 authority to issue debt obligations secured by property transfer tax).

21 (3) 10 V.S.A. § 631(1) (debt obligations issued by VHFA).

1 (4) 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) (property transfer tax priority for affordable
2 housing debt repayment).

3 (5) 32 V.S.A. § 9602a (clean water surcharge).

4 * * * Effective Dates for Secs. I.1–I.12 * * *

5 Sec. I.12 EFFECTIVE DATES

6 (a) Secs. I.1–I.12 shall take effect on July 1, 2017, except that Sec. I.10
7 (allocating clean water surcharge revenue to Vermont Housing and
8 Conservation Trust Fund) shall take effect on July 1, 2027.